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Congress announces Revanth Reddy as CM of Telangana

Ravi Reddy
HYDERABAD

A. Revanth Reddy

Ending two days of suspense, the Congress central leadership named Telangana party chief A. Revanth Reddy as its choice of Chief Minister of the State. He will take the oath of office on Thursday.

Mr. Reddy was named the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP), and he will become the first Congress Chief Minister of Telangana, a State formed in 2014. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge gave his stamp of approval on the basis of a report submitted by the party's poll observers.

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President was elected with a thumping majority from the Kodangal Assembly constituency, though he – along with outgoing Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao – lost the Kamareddy seat to the BJP candidate Katipally Venkataramana Reddy.

'Dynamic leader'

Making the announcement at a press conference in New Delhi, All India Congress Committee general secretary K.C. Venugopal said: "Going by the feedback provided by the Congress observers, including Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, party in-charge for Telangana Manikrao Thakare, and other leaders, the Congress president decided to nominate Mr. Reddy as the CLP leader."

Michaung makes landfall in Andhra Pradesh, wreaks havoc

Heavy rain and high-velocity winds with a maximum sustained speed of 90-100 kmph lash coastal town of Bapatla, villages; three killed in rain-related accidents; power supply affected in many areas; cyclone moving towards north, say officials

Rajulapudi Srinivas
SURYALANKA (BAPATLA)

Dealing with deluge: People wading through a flooded road in Nellore city in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Life was thrown out of gear on the southern Andhra Pradesh coast on Tuesday as heavy rain and high-velocity winds triggered by Cyclone Michaung lashed Bapatla town and nearby villages, uprooting trees and electric poles.

The severe cyclonic storm made its landfall from half past noon to 2.30 p.m. close to the south of Bapatla with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph.

Three persons were killed in rain-related incidents.

While two were killed after a portion of a poultry unit collapsed in Eluru district, a constable of the APSP battalion in Kadapa was killed when a tree fell on him when he was riding a motorcycle in the Siddavatam forest range.

"The cyclone is moving towards the north, and is likely to weaken in the next few hours. However, heavy rain will continue," the A.P. State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) said.

Officials said it would take a couple of days to restore power supply in the affected areas.

As a precautionary measure, power was shut down well before the cyclone made its landfall. There were reports that a few walls and roofs of houses collapsed, but there were no casualties so far, the officials said.

People living along the coast in thatched and tiled houses bore the brunt, they added.

The sea turned very rough, and there were high tides and gusting winds when the severe cyclone crossed the coast about 40 km from Bapatla.

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Seven workers killed in accident at maize factory

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As many as seven labourers from Bihar died and five were injured in an accident at a maize processing factory in Vijayapura on Monday night. » Page 5

Lokayukta police raid 13 officials

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The Lokayukta police raided 13 State government officials across the State, including the brother-in-law of the newly appointed BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, after registering disproportionate assets cases on Tuesday. » Page 6

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A BG-BGE

Excellence and longevity — thy name is Rohan Bopanna

The 43-year-old doubles star had one of his best years in 2023, getting up to No. 3 in the world, a career-high mark he last reached a full decade ago

GETTY IMAGES

Kamesh Srinivasan

Rohan Bopanna had stumbled to three first-round losses in the first three tournaments of 2023 -- in Pune, Adelaide and at the Australian Open. Two of them were with Matthew Ebden, including the defeat in the first Grand Slam event of the year.

At 43, Bopanna was far too experienced to be rattled by the initial setbacks. He roared back to go on such a fantastic run through the season that the Indo-Aussie duo was one win away from being the No.1 pair in the world at the ATP Finals in Turin, Italy.

At the year-ending championship, Bopanna and Ebden lost the semifinals and had to settle for the No.2 rank. Individually, Bopanna finished No.3 in the world, a position that he had first achieved in 2013. Excellence in longevity, thy name is Bopanna!

After holidaying in Sri Lanka for a few days, Bopanna was happy to sum up the season with pride and looked ahead with fresh belief.

"I am extremely pleased with the way the year has finished," he told *The Hindu*. "Definitely one of my most successful years, not only in terms of rank or winning tournaments, but for being consistent right through the season. That is something I am extremely proud of, especially to have done it all at this juncture of my career."

It has indeed been a fascinating season for Bopanna as he was unleashing his big game in the big events. Wimbledon semifinals and the US Open final do stand out. More than that, Bopanna won a Masters 1000 title in Indian Wells, and made the finals of three other ATP 1000 events in Paris, Shanghai and Madrid. Bopanna and Ebden had lost all those finals in agonising fashion, in the super tie-break.

The duo also made the final in Rotterdam, again losing via super tie-break. It could have been seven trophies instead of two.

"Doing well in the big events this year, in the Slams and Masters series, set this season apart from my entire career," observed Bopanna, who has past experience of winning Masters titles -- with Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (Paris, 2011), Mahesh Bhupathi (Paris, 2012), Florin Mergea (Madrid, 2015) and Pablo Cuevas (Monte Carlo, 2017).

"We did come very close to finishing the year as No.1. Having said that, there were also many matches that we could have easily lost in the first round. In Wimbledon, there were two matches where we saved match-points. Indian Wells, we saved a match-point.

"If we had finished the year as No.1, it would have been a perfect year. Still, it was incredible that we put ourselves in a position to do that. To finish No.2 is extremely satisfying. [I am] happy to have qualified for the year-end ATP Finals. The last time an Indian was there was myself in 2015. It was a long time without Indian representation. It was wonderful to get back there."

Getting back to his career best doubles rank of No. 3 was an unbelievable achievement.

"Had someone told me in 2013 that I would be getting back to my career-best rank a decade later, I would have been laughing. But here I am. Absolutely incredible to have done it again. I call it Level-43, rather than age 43. It was great to have sustained 10 long months consistently in this tough sport. We did so well that I was able to manage my body in the second half of the season.

"I was able to pick the right tournament and the right time to take a break. Of course, there was Davis Cup and Asian Games that took more time in the schedule. But after Shanghai, I was able to take two weeks off. Rarely do you get a chance to skip an ATP-500 event. So I was really happy and proud to have managed the season so well.

Naturally, he was all praise for the fine partnership with Matthew Ebden.

"The partnership with Ebden has grown. We are both experienced players and calm on the tennis court. That really helps us think clearly and understand each other, like what the other person needs at a certain time when one of us is not playing well. We find a way to adapt ourselves to play our best in those close matches...in super tie-breaks."

The successful partnership will continue in the 2024 season, and Bopanna will start in Adelaide, followed by the Australian Open.

"Unfortunately, for the first time in many years, I won't be starting the season at home. I will miss playing in India. It was something I truly loved, for many years. Not only for playing, but also for watching others. This is the first time in many years that I am going to spend the New Year with friends and not be at a tennis event. Ebden will play the United Cup in the first week. So I am taking that week off, and will start in Adelaide with Ebden after that."

The brilliant run in the professional circuit apart, Bopanna was also pleased to have won the mixed doubles gold medal with Rutuja Bhosale in the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. It was his second successive Asian Games triumph, after the doubles gold with Divij Sharan in the 2018 edition in Palembang.

"Extremely happy with the way the Asian Games mixed doubles panned out. I really felt that we had a good shot at men's doubles as well. To be honest, we let it slip away. I had seen Rutuja play occasionally. I knew she had a big forehand and big serve. It is always an advantage in mixed doubles if somebody can hit that first shot pretty hard. It helps me with my 6' 3'' frame to cover the net. I took the shot and said that I would partner Rutuja.

"We started off really great with the first two matches. That automatically gave us both a little more confidence to trust each other as partners. She was very receptive when I told her where to stand, and what sort of play we would like. That gave her a lot of confidence in her own game.

"I think the whole week was a great learning experience for her. She adapted to the scenario really well and played extremely good tennis the whole week."

Bopanna and Rutuja lost the first set in the final before pulling through to scale up to the top of the podium.

"Rutuja was putting a lot of pressure on herself on the returns in the final. I told her during the changeover that we would switch sides. I didn't give her any reason. It was clear in my mind. A lot of people asked me what I was thinking. My answer was that I was glad that I was thinking! My brain was working. The change gave Rutuja confidence.

"At 0-15, or 15-30, her free-flowing strokes came back. There was no holding us back after that. Extremely proud to have won back-to-back gold medals in Asian Games. I don't think I will be representing India in another edition."

Bopanna was willing to dissect his partnership with Yuki Bhambri, the next best doubles player in the country, at the Davis Cup and Asian Games.

"The partnership with Yuki could have been very good. He is still learning to adapt to situations of playing on the Tour and representing the country. He needs to communicate with his partner. He is trying to find solutions. He is also a harsh critic of himself. The situation was a bit overwhelming.

"In his mind, when he saw the draw, maybe he thought that it was a guaranteed medal for us. Maybe, that added a little bit of pressure on Yuki. As a player, he has grown a lot. He is constantly working on his game. It is a process in which he should not be in a hurry. He is an extremely good player who is going to be in the top-30 soon."

Bopanna was delighted with the success of the Doubles Dream of India project launched in January 2023 for which he is a mentor. Right now, there are seven Indians in the ATP top-100 and 12 in top-200.

"Thanks to the support of KPIT Technologies, the results have been incredible. I am thankful to all the coaches who have worked with the players and given them all their knowledge, helped them understand and improve. The physios Abhimanyu and Kiran have done a great job.

"Coach M. Balachandran has been with them right through the season. The players have started to trust the coaches and physios. There has been a significant amount that has been spent on these guys to really make this work. I hope they appreciate the amount of support they are getting.

"We could soon be having ten guys playing the Grand Slam tournaments. We need that inspiration for the country, for the sport to grow. It is a small step taken in the right direction to keep improving and get better," Bopanna signed off.

Ebden, Bopanna, coach Scott Davidoff, physio Rebecca Van Orshaegen. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

THE GIST

- Bopanna reached two Major finals, won an ATP Masters 1000 title and made the summit clashes at three other ATP 1000 events
- The Asian Games mixed doubles gold with Rutuja Bhosale was his second consecutive success after the doubles gold with Divij Sharan in the 2018 edition
- With the blossoming of the Doubles Dream of India project in which he is a mentor, Bopanna is hopeful of more players representing India at Slams

Avarebele mela at National College grounds from January 5 to 9

Along with a special counter for senior citizens, there will be a designated seating area for which tickets will be sold online

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Winter season is synonymous with avarekai for the residents of Bengaluru. While the bean has not hit the markets in full force yet, the preparations for avarebele mela, one of the most popular food events of the city, has begun. The mela, organised by Shree Vasavi Condiments, will be held from January 5 to 9 at the National College grounds.

The price of avarekai is currently ₹60 to ₹80 per kg. FILE PHOTO

This is the 24th edition of the mela where unique food products made of avarebele like avare dosa, payasa, vada, manchurian, puff, halwa, avare ice cream, and over hundred others will be available to visitors. While Food Street at V.V. Puram had been the venue of the mela for so long, last year, owing to the renovation work at the Food Street and to accommodate a larger crowd, it was shifted to the National College grounds.

The footfall at the mela exceeded the exceptions of the organisers drastically, leading to many people not being able to get their food due to longer queues. Over five lakh people thronged the venue. This year, however, to avoid such situations, the organisers have taken many steps.

"Last year, we were not fully prepared as we had not anticipated the crowd. While it is difficult to zero in on why the crowd was bigger, the easy access to the venue from the metro station had a role to play. This year, we are preparing better so that no one goes home without enjoying the mela," said Swathi K.S., owner, Shree Vasavi Condiments.

For starters, while they were only able to utilise a portion of the National College grounds last year (due to renovation work), this year, they will utilise the entire area and also provide parking facilities on the premises. "While there were around 40 stalls last year, this year there will be around 80 stalls," Ms. Swathi said. "For items in more demand, like the dosa, there will be around five counters," she added.

Along with a special counter for senior citizens, there will also be a designated seating area, for which tickets will be sold on an online platform at a cost of around ₹100 per person. "This is for people who come with families and children and those who wish to not stand in queues. There will be separate counters at the seating area," she said.

While enjoying their food, the visitors can return home with avarekai, avarekaalu, and hitikida avare bele (peeled) which would be sold directly by the farmers. With the avare crop withering in Karnataka, the supply for the mela is mostly coming from Chintamani in the State and other parts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Avarekai crop fails in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the second consecutive year, the avarekai crop in Karnataka has failed as weather conditions have not been conducive. Even the stock that hit the market has not been of good quality, consumers complained.

"Due to the lack of rain and sudden cold conditions now, we are having a hard time maintaining the quality of avarekai. We are hoping for the situation to improve by Sankranti festival," said a trader from Malleswaram. The price of avarekai is currently around ₹60 to ₹80 per kg.

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Chandrayaan-3 propulsion module moved from lunar to earth orbit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chandrayaan-3's propulsion module (PM) has been moved from Lunar orbit to Earth's orbit.

ISRO said on Monday that in another unique experiment, like the hop experiment on the Vikram Lander, the PM of Chandrayaan-3 was moved from an orbit around the Moon to an orbit around Earth.

"With regard to the PM, the main objective was to ferry the Lander module from GTO to the final lunar polar circular orbit and separate the Lander. Subsequent to separation, Spectro-polarimetry of HAbitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) payload in the PM was also operated. The initial plan was to operate this payload for about three months during the mission life of PM," ISRO said in an update.

"The precise orbit injection by LVM3 and optimal earth / lunar burn manoeuvrers, resulted in the availability of over 100 kg of fuel in the PM after over one month of operations in the lunar orbit. It was decided to use the available fuel in the PM to derive additional information for future lunar missions and demonstrate the mission operation strategies for a sample return mission," the space agency added.

ISRO said that in order to continue SHAPE payload for Earth observation, it was decided to re-orbit the PM to a suitable Earth orbit.

"This mission plan was worked out considering the collision avoidance such as preventing the PM from crashing on to the Moon's surface or entering into the Earth's GEO belt at 36000 km and orbits below that. Considering the estimated fuel availability and the safety to GEO spacecrafts, the optimal Earth return trajectory was designed for October 2023," ISRO said.

ISRO said that the first manoeuvrer was performed on October 9 to raise apolune altitude to 5112 km from 150 km thus, increasing the period of orbit from 2.1 hrs to 7.2 hrs. Later, considering the estimate of available propellant, the second manoeuvrer plan was revised to target an Earth orbit of 1.8 lakh x 3.8 lakh km.

The Trans-Earth Injection (TEI) manoeuvrer was performed on October 13, 2023. In the post-TEI manoeuvrer realized orbit, propulsion module made four Moon fly-bys before departing Moon SOI on November 10. Currently, propulsion module is orbiting Earth and crossedits first perigee on November 22nd with an altitude of 1.54 lakhs km. The orbit period is nearly 13 days with 27 deg inclination. The perigee and apogee altitude vary during its trajectory and the predicted minimum perigee altitude is 1.15 lakhs km. Hence as per current orbit prediction, there is no threats of close approach with any operational Earth orbiting satellites.

"As per plan, SHAPE payload is being operated whenever Earth is in its field of view. Also, a special operation of the SHAPE payload was carried out on October 28, 2023 during a Solar Eclipse. SHAPE payload operations will continue further," ISRO said.

The space agency said the UR Rao Satellite Centre/ISRO's flight dynamics team developed an analysis tool from first principles for this operation which is being validated through the return manoeuvrers carried out for the Chandrayaan-3 PM.

Traffic police crack down on defective number plates

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a special drive, the Electronics City traffic police booked 54 motorists plying with defective number plate to avoid enforcement cameras.

The police officials seized the vehicles and booked the violators under various sections of the Motor Vehicle Act and also directed them to fix new number plate.

Drive to continue

The drive will continue in other parts of the city to track down defective number plate. The Bellandur traffic police also booked nine cases against motorists using their vehicle with defective number plate.

Earlier, the Talaghattapura police caught a 29-year-old scooter rider who masked two digits of his registration number plate on both sides. The accused Noufal Chandpasha from Kolar district was also using his scooter for bike stunts. The police have registered an FIR against the accused and seized his vehicle.

While majority of the offenders are two-wheeler riders, the airport traffic police seized an autorickshaw on Varthur main road for masking the registration plate. Based on a complaint raised on the social media account online, the airport traffic police tracked down the driver identified as Surendra Babu and registered an FIR against him.

Last Thursday, the Whitefield traffic police seized a school bus and and registered a case against the driver and the owner for masking the number plate of the bus.

The driver told the police that he did it to avoid getting notices from the enforcement cameras for rash and negligent driving and to save himself from being scolded by the bus owner.

Gang assaults businessman's family, robs valuables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Posing as policemen, an armed gang of six people barged into the house of a businessman, assaulted his family, and robbed valuables on Monday night.

The accused barged into the house belonging to Manohar, who owns a packing material company in Peenya and lives in HMT Layout. Initially, Manohar's son Roopesh thought the police had come to enquire about a family dispute case. Then the gang started ransacking the house to check for valuables.

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[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made to the **Registrar of Companies, Bangalore that SURYANIRBHAR AGRITECH LLP, a LLP** may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: **To carry on the business of designing of solar energy products, solar panels, solar sprayer, solar powered rice mill, photovoltaic and all kinds of power generating equipments and devices and to design and develop Electric Agricultural Implements and develop Technology for electrification of Traditional Indian Agriculture.**
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at **187, 5th Cross,5th Main, Kanteerava Colony, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North, Karnataka, India, 560079.**
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at **Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050,** within twenty-one days from the date of the publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 05th Day of the December, 2023

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2. Mr. VIKAS VIJAYAKUMAR HOSOOR: Sd/-
(Designated Partner)

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Mr. Rahul Pandurang Itkarkar
.....Plaintiff
V/s.
Southern Industrials (A Partnership Firm)
Through its Partners
Krishnamurthi Chandrashekhar and ors
.....Defendant

To
1) Krishnamurthi Chandrashekhar
2) Hari Krishnamurthi
3) Malini Krishnamurthi

No. 1 to 3 partners of Southern Industrials (A Partnership Firm) Address: Office No. 682, 3rd main, 9th A Cross, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Banglore (Rural) - 560 090.
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By order
Superintendent Civil Court Pune

Date: 05.12.2023
Place: Pune

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2

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This is to notify the General Public that our clients (1) Mr. A.Majeed and 2) Mr. A. Aziz Qader both sons of late A.Qader Adam are the owners in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property. The Schedule Property is the subject matter of litigation in R.S.A.No.1656/ 2009, pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and R.A.No.288/2012 pending on the file of the Civil Judge (Sr. Dvn) Bengaluru Rural District. Our clients have reliably learnt that the family of Mr. Syed Asif, S/o. Late Syed Abdul Sattar along with his other associates including M/s. G.K. Developers represented by its Partners Sri. G.C. Jagan mohan, Sri. Kishore, Sri. V.Yogananda, Sri. M.Devendra Naidu, Sri. R.Jathesh and Sri. Kishore Naidu are trying to alienate and encumber the Schedule Property. The General Public is hereby notified that any person dealing with the above persons or the Schedule Property or entering into any transaction with the Schedule Property shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk and consequence without in any manner affecting the rights of our clients and all such transactions shall be null and void in the eyes of law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land comprised in Sy.No.70/1, now Sy.No.70/3, measuring 1 Acre and situated at Pattandur Agrahara Village, K.R.Puram, now Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Private Property (Muniyappa's land);
West by : Private Property (Kotappa, Ramaiah & others lands);
North by : portion of the land of our clients in Sy.No.70/1 and thereafter Road;
South by : Private Property (Boorangana's land).

Sri. Abhinav Ramanand, Advocate, M/s. Kumar & Kumar, Central Chambers, F-113, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru – 560 009

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TAKE NOTICE that our clients **Sri.THUPALLI ASHOK BABU,** S/o Late. T. Narasimha Reddy, and **Smt.VAKATI SAI VISISHTA**, W/o Sri. Thupalli Ashok Babu, **Both are residing at** Flat No.B4-G44, Block-4, SLS Silicon Valley Apartment, Belathur, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore-560 067, has negotiated to purchase Item No.1 and 2 of the Schedule Property and entered in to agreement to sell dated 04.11.2023, from **Smt. K.R. HITHYSHINI,** D/o Sri.K.Ramaiah, and W/o Sri.Srinivasa.K, residing at No.271, 7th Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Bangalore-560 092.

If anybody having objections or claims for the Item No.1 and 2 of the Schedule Property may lodge their objections with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within 15 **(Fifteen)** days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and if no such objections or claims are received within the said period my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.131, HASB Katha No.131, formed in Property No.70, situated at DODDANEKKUNDI VILLAGE, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, totally measuring about 1200 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the;

East by : House Site No. 132; West by : House Site No. 130; North by : 25 feet Road; Item, South by : House Site No.161 'A'.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site Nos.161/A, HASB Katha No.347/2, formed in Property No.70, situated at DODDANEKKUNDI VILLAGE, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring about 900 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the;

East by : House Site No.161; West by : House Site No.130; North by : House Site No.131; South by : Private Property and Road;

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Bangalore Date: 04.12.2023

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, Thimmaiah Road, Bangalore.

No: EE/SJN/TEND/09/2023-24 **Dated: 05.12.2023**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification) (Through e-Procurement Portal GoK website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer (Shivaji Nagar) Division invites Item Rate tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below through Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike / e-registered in BWSSB/KUSWS&B/PRED/PWD/Railways/MES/any State or Central Govt., Organization.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Desilting of drains, Removal of Silt and Debris for in Ward No: 116 Ramaswamy Palya for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: S.C. Category.**	30.00	37500.00
2.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 116 Ramaswamy Palya for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	25.00	62500.00
3.	Desilting of drains, Removal of Silt and Debris for in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	30.00	75000.00
4.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: S.C. Category.**	25.00	31250.00
5.	Desilting of drains, Removal of Silt and Debris for in Ward No: 118 Sampangi Rama Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: S.T. Category.**	30.00	37500.00
6.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 118 Sampangi Rama Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	25.00	62500.00
7.	Desilting of drains, Removal of Silt and Debris for in Ward No: 119 Shivaji Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	30.00	75000.00
8.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 119 Shivaji Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	25.00	62500.00
9.	Desilting of drains, Removal of Silt and Debris for in Ward No: 120 Bharathi Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: S.C. Category.**	30.00	37500.00
10.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 120 Bharathi Nagar for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	25.00	62500.00
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12.	Repairs and maintenance of Footpath in Ward No: 121 Ulsoor for the year 2023-24. **Reserved: General Category.**	25.00	62500.00

Calendar of events:- 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GoK from 07/12/2023. 2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 16/12/2023 upto 4.00 p.m. 3) Date of Opening of Tenders is on 18/12/2023 by 11.00 a.m. if possible or Next working day

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division

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On behalf of the President of India, Online Item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sr. No.	Title of work and NIT no.	Estimated Cost put to tender	Period Completion	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Due date and time of submission	Date of tender Opening	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
01	Construction of GLR and Pump room for Gaganyaan Facilities at Devanahalli, Bengaluru (Civil & PH works) **HSFC/CMG/2(8)/C/89/2023-24 Dated:05.12.2023**	Rs.87.92 Lakhs	4 Months	From 06.12. 2023 (11.00 hrs) to 17.12.2023 (23.30 hrs)	19.12.2023 up to 11.00 hrs	19.12.2023 up to 11.30 hrs	Rs. 1,75,840/-
02	Electrical works for Construction of Security cum Reception Block, GLR and Pump room for Gaganyaan Facilities at Devanahalli, Bengaluru (Electrical Works) **HSFC/CMG/2(6)2(8)/E/90/2023-24 Dated:05.12.2023**	Rs.32.36 Lakhs	3 Months	From 06.12. 2023 (11.00 hrs) to 17.12.2023 (23.30 hrs)	19.12.2023 up to 11.00 hrs	19.12.2023 up to 11.30 hrs	Rs. 64,720/-

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Dog-catchers attempt to capture stray dogs to administer the rabies vaccine in Alappuzha municipality, Kerala on May 12, 2023. SURESH ALLEPPEY

Study of 50,000 dogs says vaccines, not culling, will stop rabies

A 16-year study in Tanzania has reported that individual dog behaviour plays a key role in the endemic nature of rabies. Through contacttracing, brain samples, and modelling, the researchers found that rabies spreads locally, with a few "super-spreader" dogs, and that vaccination is the best way to prevent it

Rohini Subrahmanyam

Katie Hampson, now a professor of Infectious Disease Ecology at the University of Glasgow, began collecting data for a study back in 2002. She was just starting her Ph.D. then. She was interested in understanding how rabies – a deadly disease that infects humans primarily through a dog bite – spreads and persists among dogs in Tanzania in Africa. But that was just the start; the study that began during her PhD wouldn't see its end for more than a decade.

With the help of collaborators and other people who later joined her own lab, Dr. Hampson went on to collect data about rabies infections in the area over a period of nearly 15 years. The results and analysis of this massive project were recently published in *Science*, where the authors have reported that individual dog behaviour plays an important role in how rabies persists at low levels in the population.

Additionally, their analysis strongly implies that mass dog-vaccination - and not culling - is crucial to help prevent the spread of rabies.

Chains of transmission

Rabies is an endemic disease: it persists in some populations, especially in Africa and Asia, at low levels, despite causing many deaths upon an outbreak. The cause of nearly 60,000 human deaths a year worldwide, a virus called lyssavirus is the culprit behind the disease. There is, thankfully, some hope; rabies is preventable by a vaccine. But if the vaccine isn't administered in time after the bite, the virus can end up infecting the brain and lead to certain death. Even though there is a variable incubation period after the bite, during which the dogs and humans show no symptoms, once the infection takes hold there is sadly no going back.

What allows a lethal disease like rabies to persist long-term at low levels? For years, this question has hounded many scientists. Intrigued by the endemic nature of rabies, Dr. Hampson established a contact tracing network to track the spread of rabies among the 50,000 dogs and 250,000 people in the Serengeti district of northern Tanzania.

"We started off with hospital records of patients who attended the clinic in the district that provided post-exposure vaccines," she said, going into the process behind the extensive contact tracing. "Magoto, my colleague, would know all the villages in the district, so we would then drive off to the right village and track down the patient."

Matthias Magoto is a co-author in the study and a local resident and expert of the communities and landscape of northwest Tanzania. He was working as a livestock field officer for the district government at the time. "We would then [interview] the bite patient to try and understand if the dog that bit the person or the child was really rabid or if it was healthy."

Rabies can be diagnosed in dogs rather easily based on clinical signs. If a dog that's acting strangely bites other dogs or humans unprovoked and dies after biting, it's most likely to have been a rabid dog. As most dogs in the Serengeti district were owned by the different villagers - as opposed to the free-roaming stray dogs of India - the authors were able to trace the history of each bite and track down the dogs that were biting other dogs and humans. To make sure that they weren't barking up the wrong tree, they also obtained brain samples from the dead dogs whenever they could to confirm the virus's presence.

"We followed the chains of transmission forwards and backwards in an as in-depth way as we possibly could," said Dr. Hampson. "It was quite laborious, but incredibly interesting. We learned a huge amount about how rabid dogs behaved and how people behaved if they were bitten, if they managed to get the vaccines that they needed."

It takes a bite

A way that rabies differs from typical infectious diseases is the extent to which it can truly spread in a population, something that the researchers also found in their data. Usually, infectious diseases, like COVID-19, spread like wildfire and lead to many people getting rapidly infected, then recovering and developing an immunity against the virus. This is how we have been seeing the typical peaks and valleys of COVID infections over the last few years. But for rabies, the only way it can spread between dogs is by a bite. The researchers found that the spatial structure of the dog populations and

> A number of dogs ran up to 15 km from their localities after being infected, and bit dogs far from home

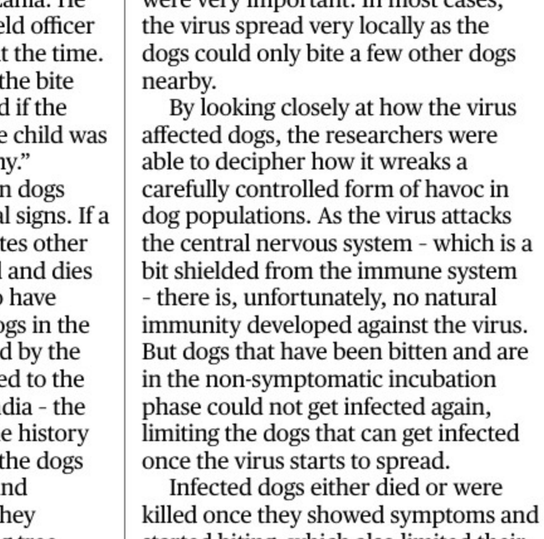
the scale at which the virus spreads were very important. In most cases, the virus spread very locally as the dogs could only bite a few other dogs nearby.

By looking closely at how the virus affected dogs, the researchers were able to decipher how it wreaks a carefully controlled form of havoc in dog populations. As the virus attacks the central nervous system - which is a bit shielded from the immune system - there is, unfortunately, no natural immunity developed against the virus. But dogs that have been bitten and are in the non-symptomatic incubation phase could not get infected again, limiting the dogs that can get infected once the virus starts to spread.

Infected dogs either died or were killed once they showed symptoms and started biting, which also limited their ability to continue infecting. The researchers found that all these factors played a role in preventing the virus from spreading too much locally within a population.But then why is it that rabies doesn't just die out as more and more dogs get infected within a population?

'Sparks from a forest fire'

The answer seemed to lie in the differences in how the dogs behaved once they got infected. Most of the dogs seemed to be biting around two other dogs in their immediate vicinity, but a few dogs bit a lot more, with one dog biting more than 60 others. A small number of dogs also ran incredibly long distances, close to 15 km, away from their home after being infected, and ended up biting dogs very far away from their home. This variability was an important element when the researchers modelled their data - without which it would have been very difficult to study rabies outbreaks the way they happen. Simply taking the average of how many dogs were bitten would have led the researchers to miss the few "super-spreader" dogs that either bit many dogs or travelled vast distances.



In fact, by travelling long distances, some dogs ended up being a vehicle to carry the virus away from the local community, where one can slowly run out of susceptible dogs (as more and more get infected), to a new community where the virus has more room to thrive."It's like sending out sparks from a forest fire. And all those little sparks are circulating in the landscape," said Dr. Hampson.

Vaccine inequity redux

Keeping these different facets of how rabies seemed to circulate in mind, the researchers built computational models to dissect the nuts and bolts of rabies transmission in the population. By reconciling the movement and biting behaviour of rabid dogs along with the number of rabies cases they saw in their model, they realised that traditional infectious disease models don't work well with predicting how rabies would spread. Rabies seemed to operate at a very local scale, with low rates of transmissibility - except in the few rare cases of super-spreader dogs that took the infection with them into new communities.Another key finding of their study was that a lower density of dogs didn't necessarily mean a drastically lower rate of transmission, implying that culling dogs to reduce their number wouldn't help prevent the spread of the virus.

In fact, Dr. Hampson firmly believes that large-scale dog vaccination is the only effective way to break the chain of transmission and prevent rabies from spreading. Even if one area has fewer dogs, an infected dog from that area simply needs to travel and bite just one unsuspecting dog somewhere else.

If the dogs are vaccinated, an infected dog can bite other dogs, but that will prove futile. So instead of killing dogs en masse in every area, mass vaccinations can help save the dogs' lives as well as our own.

High-income countries have used vaccination drives to successfully eliminate rabies in their dog populations, but these life-saving vaccines are not equitably distributed around the world. The countries that now need these vaccines the most don't have access to them because of their high cost.

India also has a high burden of rabies, with around 20,000 people dying every year of the disease.

With 30-60 million stray dogs roaming the streets, much of the efforts in the country have focused on sterilising dogs over vaccinating them.

Culling a waste of time

Gowri Yale, a veterinarian with a Ph.D. in rabies epidemiology, has been working to eliminate rabies in Goa with the help of large-scale surveillance and mass vaccination drives. Dr. Yale is a scientific advisor to Mission Rabies, a UK-based charity working with the Goan government to ensure at least 70% of the dogs in Goa are vaccinated. The efforts have led to a tremendous decrease in the number of rabid dogs in the state over the last few years.

But Goa doesn't exist in isolation: it shares borders with densely populated Maharashtra and Karnataka, where the virus is still endemic. Dr. Yale and her colleagues have now begun advising vaccination efforts in Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Kerala as well.

"It's a fantastic paper to promote mass dog-vaccination, which is the only way forward to eliminate canine rabies," Dr. Yale said about the *Science* study. "If there is any discussion of culling dogs, their model shows that culling dogs is just a waste of time, money, and resources, and is also just not welfare friendly."

Our cuddly, canine friends have evolved to live together with us humans over tens of thousands of years. Sadly, the deadly rabies virus turns these friends into foes from time to time. But reducing dog numbers by killing them is ethically wrong and, now we know, scientifically ineffective. Vaccination is the way to protect dogs from the terrible fate of rabies and thus ourselves as well.

(Rohini Subrahmanyam is a freelance journalist.)

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Students help homeless families

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

CSA student volunteers of Kristu Jayanti College recently raised funds through an integrity stall to distribute food, clothes, and blankets to the homeless in the city.

According to a release, the student volunteers rendered support to over 100 homeless families and individuals in the city through the drive.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 06		
RISE	06:28	SET 17:53
RISE	00:42	SET 13:11
THURSDAY, DEC. 07		
RISE	06:29	SET 17:53
RISE	01:27	SET 13:45
FRIDAY, DEC. 08		
RISE	06:29	SET 17:53
RISE	02:12	SET 14:20

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	30	23
Bengaluru	28	19

Bengaluru Today
25°C Morning will be pleasant. The weather will be pleasant but humid. Chances of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C The weather will be dry. Day will becomfortable but humid. Morning will be pleasant. Night also will be pleasant.

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No sign of third-party audit of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout even after two years

Then BDA chairman S.R. Vishwanath had directed Bangalore Development Authority to conduct the third-party audit after suspicious escalation of the cost of the project

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A file photo of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout between Magadi Road and Mysuru Road.

The third-party audit of works executed under the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) project, that was taken up in February 2021, is yet to see the light of the day, further delaying the progress of the layout.

The then BDA chairman S.R. Vishwanath had directed the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to conduct a third-party audit after suspicious escalation of the cost of the project. In 2018, the project cost to develop a layout spanning 4,040 acres was estimated at ₹2,600 crore and initially, 1,800 acre was handed over to the engineering department to start executing the formation of the layout. At present total of 2,652 acres is with the engineering department.

In 2019-2020, the contractors demanded an additional ₹650 crore for end-to-end completion of the layout after which the chairman formed a technical committee to assess the demand as the increase was "suspicious". However, the committee in its report recommended that there is a need for more funds citing that at the time of the project, only 1,800 acre was handed over to the engineering department. Not convinced by the argument made by the committee, the then-chairman ordered for third-party audit.

A.S. Suryakiran of NPKL Open Forum talking to *The Hindu* said the cost escalation was made despite handed over land and acquired land being way below the total earmarked land for the project. The BDA first roped in Bureau Veritas for the audit in February 2021 which promptly did some audit till July that year. But the money demanded by the company for their work was about ₹9 crore and BDA was not ready to pay beyond ₹2 crore. This resulted in the company exiting the job.

In July 2021 another company, Alcon Consulting Engineers took up the audit. The company has so far completed the audit of package 2 (UGD, water supply, electrification, STP, pumping stations, ground-level reservoir and others which were executed by SPML Amrutha). On the other hand, it is yet to complete the audit of package 1 executed by L&T Infra and layout division works (levelling of land, site division, culvert network, stormwater drain, and asphalting of roads by KMC and RCC firms).

Mr. Suryakiran said due to the non-submission of the audit UGD water supply, electrification and works which come under the layout division are pending. For instance, a stretch of 5 km-long stormwater drain work is pending and asphalting of 60ft roads in several blocks of the layout is pending. Without completion of these basic amenities, the allottees struggle to build houses layout.

A BDA official said the present commissioner is keen on completing the works and he is taking necessary steps to expedite the process. He has already directed the audit company to submit the report as soon as possible.

Basic amenities to be provided at Kempegowda layout in a year, State govt. assures Assembly

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Work on amenities, including drinking water connection, underground drainage and roads, will be completed by December 2024

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The State government assured the Legislative Assembly of completing work on providing basic amenities to the site allottees in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda layout in Bengaluru within one year.

Responding to BJP MLA S. Suresh Kumar during the Question Hour in the Assembly on Tuesday, Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy said the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) had given a written assurance to the government that the work on basic amenities, including drinking water connection, underground drainage, and roads, in the residential layout will be completed by December 2024.

Earlier, Mr. Suresh Kumar sought to know from Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also Minister in charge of Bengaluru city, reasons for the undue delay in providing amenities to the site allottees. He said the government had allotted sites in 2017, but most of the allottees were unable to build dwellings in view of the absence of basic amenities.

Answering on behalf of Mr. Shivakumar, Mr. Reddy said a few landowners had moved the High Court questioning the acquisition of land falling in the middle of the layout and obtained a stay. Hence, the BDA was unable to ensure continuity in providing basic amenities.

However, senior counsels had been appointed by the government to resolve the court cases and complete the land acquisition process.

Basic amenities would be provided after the land acquisition process was completed and the land was handed over to the BDA engineering department.

Govt. will recover 554 acres of excess land from NICE: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

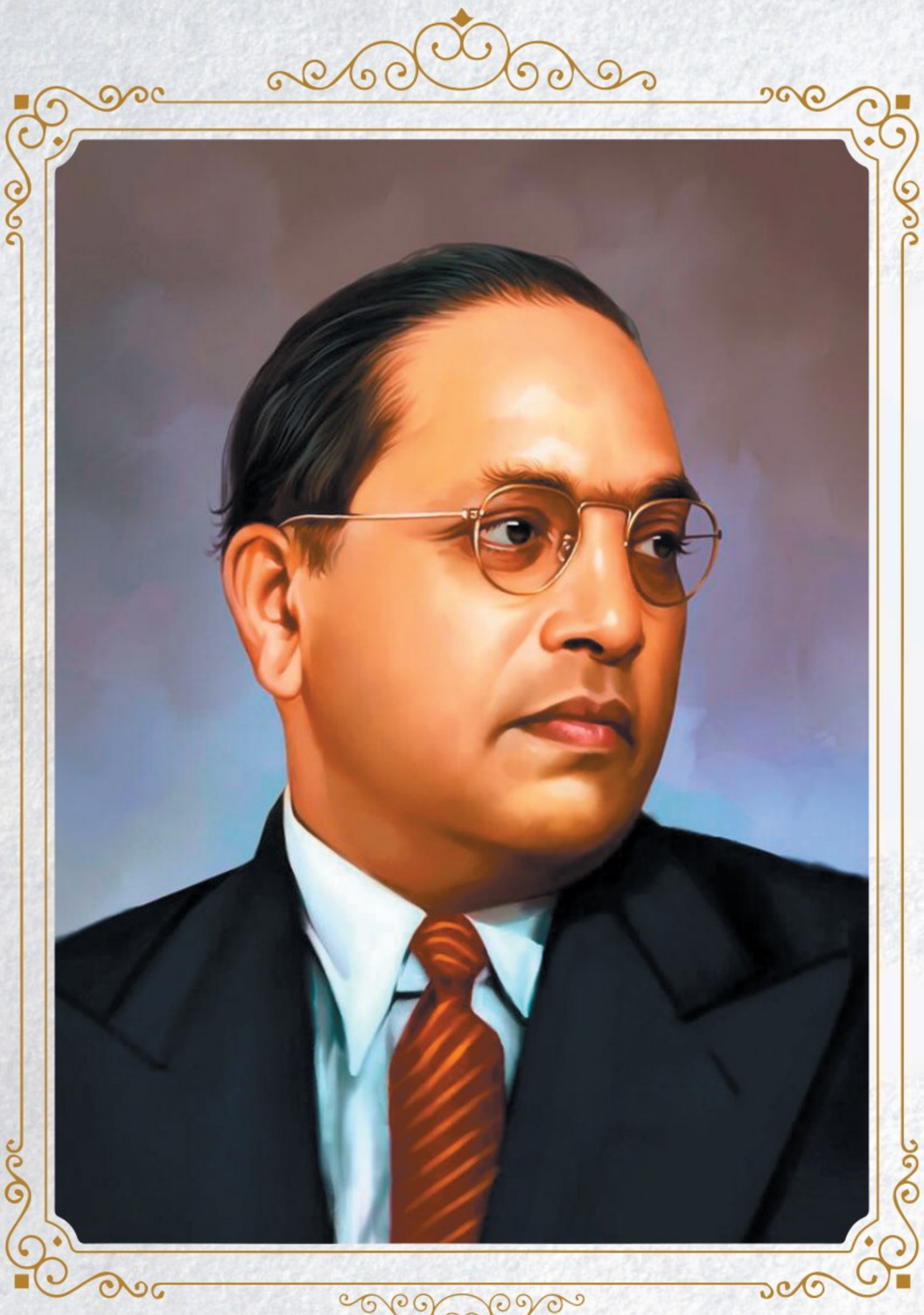
The State government told the Legislative Council on Tuesday that it has filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court that the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) has handed over 554 acres of excess land to the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises Ltd. (NICE) for Bengaluru Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Project (BMICP).

The excess land handed over will be taken back, Minister for Small-Scale Industries and Public Enterprises Sharanabasappa Darshanapur said.

Question Hour

He was replying to P.M. Muniraju Gowda during the Question Hour. Mr. Darshanapur replied on behalf of Minister for Major and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil.

Mr. Darshanapur said that a House Committee, constituted in connection with recovering the excess land, in its report put the extent of land handed over at 554 acres, while NICE has put it at 559 acres. Since there is a difference in the survey numbers of the land and extent of land mentioned, a joint land survey by the government involving the Public Works Department and KIADB is under progress to decide the exact extent of land to be recovered.



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Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa,
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Worth of enemy property shares sold by government

2,709 in ₹ crore. Assets left behind by people who have taken citizenship of Pakistan and China — mostly between 1947 and 1962 — are called enemy properties. PTI

The share of women in the police forces of India

11.75 in percentage. Despite the government's attempts to enhance the strength of the women police to 33%, women in police forces remained low, Union Minister Nityanand Rai informed the Lok Sabha. PTI

The number of jobs created so far under the PMMSY

45.59 in lakh. The Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying told the Lok Sabha that many jobs have been created under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). PTI

The amount written off by the banks in five years

10.57 in ₹ lakh crore. Of the total amount written off by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), ₹5.52 lakh crore was to large industries, the Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad informed the Parliament. PTI

Pakistan government releases funds for general elections

17.4 in ₹ billion. The country's finance ministry released funds to the election commission, a day after the body raised concerns over the non-provision of funds. Pakistan goes to polls on February 8. PTI

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The journey towards a plastic-free world

What did the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), under the United Nations Environment Programme, in its third round of negotiations discuss? How do they aim to end plastic pollution? What did the 'zero draft' say and was it endorsed by the end of the meeting?

EXPLAINER

Madhuvanthi R.

The story so far:

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), under the United Nations Environment Programme, met in Nairobi from November 13 to 19 for its third round of negotiations to develop an international legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution worldwide. Under the UN Environment Assembly Resolution 5/14, the INC is responsible for delivering a global plastics treaty by 2025. The INC-3 was a make-or-break opportunity as countries came together to negotiate the 'zero draft' text developed by the committee's secretariat, with various options for core obligations and control measures. INC-3 fared relatively better than INC-2, in Paris earlier this year, by being able to discuss the substantive contents of the treaty instead of debating only the rules of procedure.

What does the 'zero draft' say?

The zero draft as prepared by the secretariat contained strong options for an international legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution. But during negotiations, member states managed to water down their core obligations, particularly those pertaining to some high-impact elements such as primary polymer production, chemicals of concern, problematic and short-lived plastics, trade, and financial mechanisms, among others. Some states also disagreed on the objective and scope under UNEA Resolution 5/14.

Most countries agreed that the treaty's objective should be to end plastic pollution and protect human health and the environment. But a group of like-minded countries – including Saudi Arabia, Russia, China, Iran, and some members of the Gulf Cooperation Council – argued to include the clause "while contributing to the achievement of sustainable development", to ensure their economic interests and investments.

The most important provision, that is a reduction in the production of primary polymers, also stirred controversy because of its implications for industry. The industry's influence was apparent by its presence – with 36% more fossil fuels and chemicals sector lobbyists at INC-3 than in INC-2 – at the negotiations. Some member states also submitted that "to even discuss ... reducing plastic production was completely out of the scope of the mandate of UNEA Resolution 5/14 and that such a provision should be completely deleted from the draft" and that "UNEA Resolution 5/14 calls to end plastic pollution and not plastic production".

While it is agreed that plastic pollution can be managed only with strong, concrete measures at each stage throughout the lifecycle of plastics, many countries disagreed where the lifecycle begins. While this would ideally mean that it begins at the point of sourcing raw materials for production, some countries argued that the lifecycle starts at product design. Similarly, the same group objected to including provisions pertaining to eliminating compounds and polymers of concern and problematic and avoidable plastics, which are key in ending plastic pollution, and called for a 'null option' despite broad agreement from other countries that were pushing for a binding agreement.

Does the treaty discuss finance?

A financial mechanism is one of the cornerstones of the treaty to determine how it will be implemented, and it was yet another point of divergence. The zero draft contains options such as imposing a plastic-pollution fee to be paid by plastic polymer producers, and another on reducing the financial flow into projects with a high carbon footprint. But the same group of like-minded countries demanded that these provisions be deleted altogether from the draft.

Should these provisions be included, they will have considerable implications; in particular, countries will have to cut, if not eliminate, fossil-fuel subsidies and investments in environmentally disfavourable technologies such as incineration and waste-to-energy plants. This would have been a big victory for the environment and human health if they hadn't been blocked.

Are there limits on plastic trade?

Another crucial provision that the same bloc argued against was the trade in polymers, chemicals, plastic products, and waste. While the plastics treaty is expected to plug the holes left open by the Basel Convention, any restrictions on trade is considered to be impinging on the freedom and sovereignty of nations, the bloc contended.

However, the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL), a non-profit in Washington, D.C., has found that the bloc misconstrued the World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules to their advantage. According to CIEL's analysis, the WTO rules provide for sufficient scope for trade restrictions when they are "necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health" and nothing prohibits states under international law to regulate or restrict the trade of certain products and materials.

The group of like-minded countries rejected every single upstream measure, and diluted midstream measures with the inclusion of voluntary measures and phrases such as "national circumstances", "national priorities", "bottom-up approach" etc. Excluding the provision on waste management, in fact, almost all other provisions were watered down to account for "national circumstances and capabilities". Even under waste management, there is a high risk of these countries insisting on the treaty accommodating unsound solutions. This is because the phrase "environmentally sound management" isn't well-defined even as terms such as "best available science" and "best available technology' continue to be used.

What is the issue with the rules of procedure?

At INC-2, representatives of the member states debated the rules of procedure for two days with no concrete outcome, even as a handful of countries, including India, continued to demand consensus-based decision-making instead of a two-thirds vote majority. The rules of procedure continued to apply provisionally at INC-3, without any final determination, and the meeting passed the buck to INC-4 to deal with them. If a decision had been made on the voting procedure and the rules of procedure were formally adopted, the negotiators could have better staved off the objections of the like-minded countries at INC-3.

In this context, the African group of countries and Small-Island Developing States (SIDS) played an important role. They advocated for strong binding provisions for the high-impact elements in the treaty. Their submissions stood out from the rest as they championed the voices of waste-pickers and indigenous peoples, and approached the treaty from a human-rights and public health perspective. However, the draft text has now tripled in size, with member states adding and deleting the text as befits their interests. The meetings themselves were frequently delayed and stretched into the wee hours due to the stalling and blocking by like-minded countries.

What's the takeaway from INC-3?

One of the closed-door meetings that discussed the synthesis report and possible list of topics for intersessional work was unable to reach a consensus until the very end. As a result, no intersessional work will happen between now and INC-4. This is a big setback: many countries were counting on this to work to make some headway in hammering out the finer points, such as the definitions, targets, and timelines, before INC-4.

Thanks to the stalling, INC-3 didn't adopt the mandate to proceed with developing the first draft. One delegate from the African group said in reply: "No state has the right to keep others hostage ... Those who don't want to move ahead with us are free to stay behind." As such, INC-3 exposed the considerable influence of industry and revealed the member states that are opposed to a strong binding treaty to end plastic pollution.

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THE GIST

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HC suspends videoconference facility after miscreants play obscene videos during live court proceedings

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The High Court of Karnataka has suspended the facilities of hearing through videoconference and online streaming of court proceedings for cybersecurity reasons after unknown miscreants logged into its Zoom meeting platform and played pornographic video contents on December 4 afternoon during the proceedings in about six court halls.

The miscreants again attempted to play the videos by logging in on Tuesday morning, due to which the court's administration decided to shut down the videoconference and live streaming system for the time being.

According to sources, one of the servers though which the miscreants logged into the court's videoconference system was located abroad.

"An unfortunate situation has arisen... We are stopping the live streaming, videoconferencing facilities... some mischief is being played and technology is being misused..." Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale informed the advocates and litigants present in Court Hall-1 on Tuesday when a Division Bench, also comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit, assembled for the proceedings.

The Chief Justice requested the advocates, including the State Advocate General, and the litigants to cooperate with the court's administration and not to rush to the registry complaining about non-availability of videoconference facility.

"The Karnataka High Court is always in favour of technology being used for the better services for the public as well as for advocates. But for the situation which is unprecedented, we have to take this decision," the Chief Justice said.

Second attempt

Though limited access to the lawyers with proper identity was allowed through videoconference on Tuesday, it was abruptly shutdown as miscreants again played obscene contents when the proceedings commenced.

Even the proceedings of the Chief Justice's court was provided through videoconference with limited access to the advocates. However, it was stopped after the breached was noticed again.

The court on Tuesday night issued a statement that restoration of videoconference facility with new safeguards would be notified while requesting the advocates, litigants/party-in-persons to access the proceedings through physical mode till restoration of videoconference facility.

The court's administrative wing filed a Fist Information Report (FIR) with the CEN (Cyber, Economics and Narcotics) police station, Bengaluru, on Monday providing details of the breach.

Based on the complaint filed by N. Suresh, an official attached to the office of Registrar (Computers), High Court, the police registered the FIR against an unknown individual under Section 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) and 67(a) (Punishment for publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act) of Information Technology Act, 2000 on Monday.

According to an advocate, obscene contents were visible on two computer display screens put up in one of the court halls and the advocates and judge had thought that a mischief-monger had done this act. However, they came to know that the videos were played in multiple court halls leading to a suspicion that it was a targeted attempt by individuals or groups indulging in cybersecurity breach.

The Karnataka High Court, which was among the first few in the county to provide permanent videoconference facility for hearing of cases since March 2020 in the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic, stopped the facility for the first time since the system was introduced.

"We have accessed the IP addresses of the systems from where the attacks originated. While one is a local server, another is based out of Bangladesh," a senior police official said.

The breach comes days after hoax bomb threat emails were sent to nearly 70 schools, creating havoc as children had to return home mid-day.

Cyclone impact

Trains to Chennai from Bengaluru have been cancelled owing to Cyclone Michaung. An announcement in this regard at the Cantonment Railway Station. SUDHAKARA JAIN

'Brand Bengaluru': Over 70,000 suggestions received from public

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

More than 70,000 suggestions had been received from the public for the "Brand Bengaluru" initiative announced by the State government.

Responding to a question from Haris N.A. representing Shantinagar Assembly constituency in Bengaluru, Minister for Transport R. Ramalinga Reddy, who was replying on behalf of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, said the suggestions had come after the government had elicited public views on cleanliness, transport, environment, health, education, technology, water resources on brandBengaluru.karnataka .gov.in

The suggestions had been shared with eight educational institutions like Indian Institute of Science, RVCE, MS Ramaiah, IIIT, Dayanand Sagar College etc., which are partnering with the government in the project.

The government had also constituted an expert committee headed by retired Chief Secretary B.S. Patil to submit a report on developing Bengaluru into a global city. The committee will also study the suggestions, he said.

When Mr. Haris, Congress MLA, complimented the government on steps taken to develop Bengaluru, the BJP members were on their feet claiming no works had been taken up.

With four months left in academic year, students in minority department-run schools yet to get uniform

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

With only four months left for the ongoing academic year of 2023-24 to end, nearly one lakh students studying in schools run by the Directorate of Minorities in the State are yet to get their uniform sets. Many of them haven't got shoes and socks either this year. This has forced many children to come to school in 'colour dress'.

Delay in providing uniforms has been attributed to fund crunch in the Directorate of Minorities

The Directorate of Minorities runs 200 Maulana Azad Model Schools where over 60,000 students from the minority communities study, along with 29 A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Residential Schools, 80 Morarji Desai Residential Schools, 13 Morarji Desai Girls Residential Schools, and four government Muslim residential school. Put together, there are over one lakh students studying in these schools.

Since most of the students studying in these schools come from poor backgrounds, the Directorate of Minorities provides two sets of stitched uniforms, shoes, socks, textbooks, and stationery free every year. Speaking to *The Hindu*, a headmaster of the Maulana Azad Model School, said the delay had become a common feature for many years now.

"However, this year the delay has been worse than previous years. We are just a few months away from the completion of the academic year and yet we haven't got uniforms. Most students come from poor and economically weaker sections and cannot afford to get uniforms stitched," he said. Another headmaster added that many schools had not received shoes and socks yet.

Tender process

The delay in providing uniforms has been attributed to fund crunch in the Directorate and delay in the tender process.

"The Directorate had called for tenders twice but couldn't get through due to transparency reasons," a source in the Directorate said. "We are very conscious about the quality of the uniform as per the guidelines of the Finance Department. Therefore, the tendering process had to be repeated twice. Finally, the tender was finalised and supply has begun in the Belagavi division. We will soon supply uniforms to schools across the State," said Jeelani H. Mokashi, director, Directorate of Minorities.

Pension Adalat on Dec. 22

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Office of the Controller of Communication Accounts, Department of Telecommunications, will hold a Pension Adalat for telecom/BSNL pensioners on December 22.

The Department of Telecommunications said pensioners/family pensioners, who have retired from the Department of Telecom/BSNL, Karnataka Circle, may submit their representations by December 15 via post/fax/e-mail (fax: 080-22350604, e-mail tcca2.ka-dot@gov.in). Time and venue of the adalat will be intimated directly, a release said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my clients **Mr. B.K. Sathyanarayana and Mrs. S. Sudha,** both residing at No.94, Railway MEN'S HBCS, Ramakrishna Nagar, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096 are the absolute owners and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Property mentioned below in the Schedule. They have lost/misplaced the Page No.2 of the Original Rectification Deed dated 29-12-1986, Document No.2964/1986-87 of Book I, Volume 3952, pages at 11-12, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, pertaining to the Schedule Property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 05-12-2023 vide Lost Report No 0835966/2023. I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **7 days** and they may be suitably awarded and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my clients and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

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Abortion scam: One more nurse held from Mysuru

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Continuing investigations into the sex determination racket, the Baiyappanahalli police on Monday arrested another nurse from a private hospital in Mysuru involved in the illegal abortion scam.

She is the eleventh person arrested in the case. Usha Rani, working at another private hospital, was conducting abortions at her workplace on the instruction of Puttraju, who worked as an agent in the racket. Puttaraju was arrested by the police earlier and based on his information, the police nabbed Usha Rani.

Hospital unaware

Inquiries revealed that the accused was conducting illegal abortions in the hospital she was working at without the knowledge of the hospital authorities.

The police have sought her custody to question her further to ascertain how many abortions she had done and how long she had been part of the racket.

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STUDENT EMERGES VICTORIOUS

Deshna M Vanshika, a student of National Hill View Public School, RR Nagar, Bengaluru, emerged victorious in the CBSE National Table Tennis Championship 2023-24, held at NRI Global Discovery Academy School, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Under the expert guidance of her coach Krunal Telang, Deshna dominated the competition in the Under-19 category, securing the coveted first place.

RYAN MINITHON 2023

The 24th Ryan Minithon 2023, hosted by Ryan Group of Institutions at Yelahanka branch, witnessed a participation of 1,922 students from 33 schools. The event was one of the races for school students in the country under the age groups of U-12, U-14, and U-16. The first race was flagged off from Ryan International School, Yelahanka, by the chief guest, Arun Samuel, chairman and managing director, Wings Group of Companies. The first three championship trophies were bagged by Lake Montfort School, Soundarya Central School and Ryan International School, Kundalahalli.

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Police arrest five habitual offenders

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In a special drive to check various violations, the police conducted surprise inspections at wine shops, bars and restaurants, bakeries, tea stalls, and lodges in the city. They were looking for violations like gambling, smoking in public places, and other irregularities.

The police caught five habitual offenders during the operation through M-CCTNS (Mobile-Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System). The police also questioned 247 habitual offenders and pinned down one rowdy-sheeter and recovered a weapon. They booked 3,000 cases under COTPA, 2003.

During search operations at a lodge in Basaveshwara Nagar, the police arrested six men gambling and seized ₹56,400 from them. The special drive will continue, city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said.

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Understanding how the Global Positioning System (GPS) works

GPS has significantly changed our expectations of where we are and our sense of place. The major sectors which employ the technology include agriculture, construction, surveying, logistics, search and rescue, air travel, meteorology, seismology, and military operations

Vasudevan Mukunth

Few everyday technologies have had the kind of revolutionary impact that the Global Positioning System (GPS) has. From civilians to the military, from precision scientific studies to urban planning and disaster risk estimation, GPS has significantly changed our expectations of where we are and our sense of place.

What is GPS?

The U.S. Department of Defence started the GPS programme in 1973 and launched the first satellite in 1978. The modern GPS satellite constellation consists of 24 satellites moving around the earth in six orbits. Each satellite completes two orbits in a single day. The overall programme has three main components – the space segment, the control segment, and the user segment.

The space segment, of course, consists of the 24 satellites. The six orbits they occupy are all 20,200 km above the earth, and each orbit has four satellites at all times. In this configuration, anyone on the earth will be able to 'see' at least four satellites at a time, which is a crucial requirement.

The control segment consists of a global network of ground-based control stations and antennae that track the 24 satellites, make sure their performance is as expected at all times, and transmit commands. The services provided by the GPS system are designed to meet the Standard Positioning Service (SPS) performance standard, the latest edition of which was published in April 2020. In essence, the SPS standard tells application developers and users anywhere in the world what they can expect from the GPS system. The control segment ensures these commitments are kept. The master control station is located at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, and the alternate master control station is at the Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. The ground antennae are in Florida (Cape Canaveral), Ascension Island, Diego Garcia island, and Kwajalein Atoll. There are monitoring and tracking stations in Hawai'i, Alaska, New Hampshire, Washington, D.C., Colorado, and Florida in the U.S., and in Greenland, Ecuador, Uruguay, the U.K., South Africa, Bahrain, South Korea, Guam, Australia, and New Zealand.

The user segment pertains to the use of GPS in various sectors and applications. The major sectors include agriculture, construction, surveying, logistics, telecommunications, power transmission, search and rescue, air travel, meteorology, seismology, and military operations. In 2021, according to one estimate, there were 6.5 billion Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) devices installed worldwide. The figure is expected to rise to 10 billion by 2031.

How does GPS work?

Each GPS satellite continuously broadcasts a radio signal containing information about its location in orbit, operational status, and the time at which the signal is emitted. The signals are transmitted at the L1 (1,575.42 MHz) and the L2 (1,227.6 MHz) frequencies at 50 bits/second. The signals are encoded with code-division multiple access. This allows multiple signals to be transmitted in the same channel and for a receiver to be able to disentangle them. There are two encoding types: the coarse/acquisition mode, which civilians can use to access coarse GPS data, and the precise mode, which is encrypted and is for military use.

Being an electromagnetic signal, the radio waves travel at the speed of light. On your smartphone, a GPS receiver picks this signal up and uses it to calculate its precise distance from the satellite. The distance is equal to the speed of light times the signal's travel time. The signal's travel time is equal to the time on the receiver's clock minus the time at which the signal was emitted. If the receiver has access to signals from four satellites, it will have the information required to calculate its location in four dimensions – three of space plus one of time relative to the satellite clock – and can thus accurately triangulate its location on the ground. This informs the need for every point on the earth being able to 'see' four satellites at a time.

Some adjustments are required to ensure the measurements are as error-free as possible. For example, the satellites around the earth are in a region of weaker gravitational potential, so their onboard clocks run 38 microseconds faster than those on the ground. This is explained by the general theory of relativity. The special theory of relativity requires engineers to account for the relative velocities of the satellite and the receiver.

How do the satellites keep time?

Good timekeeping is essential to ensure the GPS system works as well as possible. For example, not adjusting for the 38-microsecond offset between the clocks on the satellites and on the ground could lead to an error of 10 km within a single day. An offset of one millisecond can lead to an error of a full 300 km. For this reason, the satellites are all equipped with atomic clocks. In 1974, the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory first launched an atomic clock into space on board the NAVSTAR NTS-1 satellite. The clocks onboard the modern-day GPS constellation are all synchronised to within just 10 nanoseconds of each other, and with reference clocks on the ground.

India mooted its own Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System in 2006, later rechristened Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)

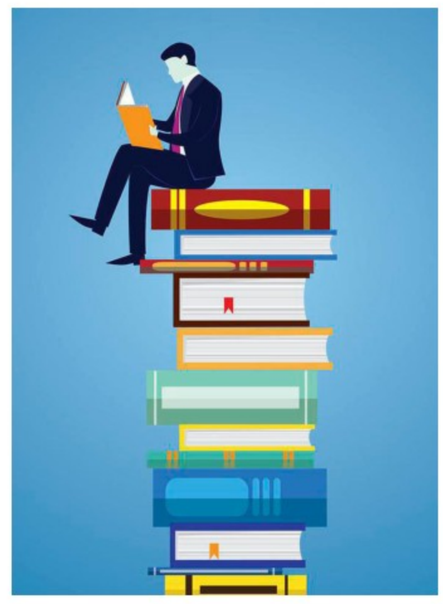
An atomic clock takes advantage of a simple but profound fact. The atoms of all elements have some number of electrons around the nucleus. Each of these electrons can have a specific amount of energy, no more and no less. Imagine these amounts of energy to be steps on a staircase. An electron can occupy only these particular steps; it can't have some energy in between two steps. The size of these steps is the same for all atoms of a given element. For example, all caesium atoms in the universe have the same jump size between steps 2 and 3.

When radiation containing the exact amount of energy these electrons require to jump between two states – called the resonant frequency – is supplied, the electrons absorb it and jump. If too much or too little energy is supplied, fewer electrons will jump. So scientists begin with a radiation source and keep fine-tuning it to the frequency that causes the maximum number of electrons to jump. Once they have the frequency, they use it to measure time. For example, if it is 50 Hz, then one second will have passed when the radiation has completed 50 cycles. This is how an atomic clock works. Simply put, the electrons tell the source which frequency is 'correct'. The scientists can check the frequency at regular intervals to make sure that the source producing it isn't drifting off and losing/gaining time.

Do other countries have GNSS?

According to the U.S. Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Policy, the GPS system will cooperate with the operation of other GNSS. Such systems are currently operated by Australia, China, the European Union, India, Japan, South Korea, Russia, and the U.K. Of these, Russia's GLONASS, the E.U.'s Galileo, and China's BeiDou systems are global. Officials of the U.S. government and their counterparts in other countries meet regularly to ensure their technologies are compatible with each other. There is also an International Committee on GNSS, operating under the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs. According to its website, it "promotes voluntary cooperation on matters of mutual interest related to civil satellite-based positioning, navigation, timing, and value-added services".

India mooted its own Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System in 2006, later rechristened Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC). Its space segment consists of seven satellites: three in geostationary orbits and four in geosynchronous orbits. As of May 2023, the minimum number of satellites (four) could facilitate ground-based navigation. The master control facilities are located in Hassan in Karnataka and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. The NavIC satellites use rubidium atomic clocks and transmit data in the L5 (1,176.45 MHz) and the S (2,492.028 MHz) bands, with newer satellites also transmitting in the L1 band. They include a messaging interface that can receive messages from control stations and transmit them to specific areas, like warning fishers about being close to international borders, etc. India also operates the GPS-Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) system, which was developed by the ISRO and the Airports Authority of India. According to the ISRO website, GAGAN's primary purpose is "safety-of-life civil aviation applications catering to the Indian airspace" and for providing "correction and integrity messages for GPS".



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Ms. M. Majumdar, Nagpur, wants to know the difference between 'naked' and 'nude'."

"Marshaf McLuhan once said: "It is only when you don't want to be seen that you are naked." Those who are nude are not embarrassed. Those who enjoy being without clothes go to a nudist camp. 'Nude' has no bad connotation. It is used in art. You refer to a nude painting and not a 'naked painting'. In certain contexts, you use only 'naked'. Naked aggression, naked truth, naked soul, naked faith. In these, 'naked' means 'undisguised'. A naked man is embarrassed when seen by others. A nudist isn't; he lives 'unclothed as much as possible on grounds of health and advocates it for others'."

"Ms. P. P. Teja, H. Siddiah Road, Bangalore, wants to know whether the 'e' in 'behind' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'India'."

"Generally, it is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bit'. But some pronounce the 'e' like the 'a' in 'India'. Both are acceptable. The stress in either case is on the second syllable."

"Ms. A. S. Anitha, Karolbagh, New Delhi, wants to know the meaning of the word 'wunderkind'."

"A wunderkind is a person who attains fame while relatively young. This is a German word which means 'wonder child'. The 'w' is pronounced 'v', 'u' is pronounced like the 'oo' in 'book', 'er' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'India', 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bit' and 'd' is pronounced 't'. So it is voondakint. A child prodigy is a wunderkind."

"Mr. A. Swarup Singh, Patiala, wants to know the meaning of 'mugwump'."

"A mugwump is a 'great man, boss'. It is from an American Indian word meaning 'big chief'. Now it is used to mean a person who sits on the fence, who is reluctant to take sides. Somebody humorously defined a mugwump as a person who sits on the fence 'with his mug on one side and 'wump' on the other'. From the context, you must guess the meaning of 'wump'. You won't find the word in any dictionary!"

"Mr. Sudhakar, V.V. Nagar, Guntakal, wants to know the meaning of 'Box and Cox'."

"Box and Cox are two characters in a farce by J. M. Morton (1811-1891). Their landlady allotted the same room to them. But Box wasn't aware that Cox was another tenant and Cox didn't know that Box was another tenant. One was out all day, the other all night. Now it means 'two persons who are never together, never at home at the same time; two persons who take turns in a part, position, etc.' Two people who share something by taking turns are called Box and Cox. This British expression is rather old-fashioned."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The cyclonic storm Michaung threw the lives of people out of gear in Tamil Nadu. Here is a quiz on different cyclones that have affected India so far

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

In 1864, most of the areas of this city was inundated and destroyed by a tropical cyclone, causing over 60,000 fatalities in its wake. Which city did it majorly affect?

QUESTION 2

This 1970 cyclone struck East Pakistan (present-day Bangladesh) and India's West Bengal on November 12, 1970, remaining the deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded. Name the cyclone.

QUESTION 3

Name the two cyclones that became the first ones to be given names by the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre. In which year where the first cyclones named?

QUESTION 4

This was an extremely powerful tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage in West Bengal and Odisha, and in Bangladesh, in May 2020. Name the cyclone. What is it also known for, in terms of damages?

QUESTION 5

Which is the only month of the year that has not been affected by a cyclone so far in India?

Visual question:

Identify this disaster film made on one of the deadliest cyclones in Indian history, that affected India in 1999. Which State did the cyclone affect?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This party led by this actor went on to capture power in the general elections in this State merely nine months after his party's formation in 1982. **Ans: Telugu Desam Party; N.T. Rama Rao; Andhra Pradesh (united)**

2. This party came to power and relinquished the same after only 49 days. **Ans: Aam Aadmi Party; The Chief Minister to relinquish power was Arvind Kejriwal**

3. This State elected this party to power in 2022 for the first time with an absolute majority. **Ans: Punjab**

4. This person launched his own party on March 4, 1993. He then went on to become the Chief Minister for 24 years. **Ans: Pawan Kumar Chamling of the Sikkim Democratic Front**

5. This person represented this party that wanted to merge the province for whom he became the first Chief Minister, with the neighbouring State. **Ans: Dayanand Bandodkar; Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party**

Visual: This is the symbol of this party. The leader of this party is currently the longest serving CM. **Ans: Biju Janata Dal; Naveen Patnaik**

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Word of the day

Inanity:
total lack of meaning or ideas

Synonyms: senselessness, pointlessness, vacuity, mindlessness

Usage: *I enjoyed the inanity of the film.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/inanitypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪˈnænɪti/

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Seven labourers killed in accident at maize processing factory in Vijayapura

Twelve workers got stuck under a huge heap of maize that fell on them while working in the godown of Rajguru Foods

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAPURA

As many as seven labourers from Bihar died and five were injured in an accident at a maize processing factory in Vijayapura on Monday night.

As many as 12 workers got stuck under a huge heap of maize that fell on them while working in the godown of Rajguru Foods in the industrial area on the outskirts of the city.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel and the police rushed to the spot and began rescue efforts. A team led by Superintendent of Police (SP) Hrishikesh Sonawane summoned four earthmovers and two cranes to clear the debris and pull out the workers.

The godown has 16 silos erected on metal frames. Each silo contained over 1.5 tonnes of maize. "At least two of them cracked and fell on the workers," an eyewitness said. Over 150 workers from Bihar work at Rajguru and other factories in the industrial area. They work for 11 months and go home for a month every year.

Rescue workers shifting the body of a victim from the factory in Vijayapura. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

All the deceased hailed from Bihar and have been identified as Krishan alias Kishan Kumar, Rajesh Kumar Mukhiya, Sambu Mukhiya, Luko Yadav, Ramibhrach Mukhiya, Rambalak Mukhiya, and Dulhara Chand Mukhiya.

The injured are Sonu Karamchand, Ravishkumar, Anil, and Kalmeshwar Mukhiya from Bihar, and Prakash Dhumagonda from Vijayapura.

Case registered

A case of negligence and lack of careful management has been registered against the owner, Kishore Hajarimal Jain, and supervisor Praveenchandra Trivedi.

The FIR said a maize corn cleaning machine was malfunctioning. But the owner and supervisor continued to use it, instead of sending it for repairs. The FIR was filed based on a complaint by Amarjit Saho Chandrabhushan, one of the labourers hailing from Beelaladiya village of Samastipur district in Bihar.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) T. Bhoobalan requested a National Disaster Response Force team from Pune to help in the rescue efforts, along with the local police and Fire and Emergency Services personnel. Deputy SP Basavaraj Yeligar coordinated the efforts.

District in-charge Minister M.B. Patil, who was in Belagavi to attend the winter session of legislature, rushed to Vijayapura to monitor rescue operation.

He announced a compensation of ₹7 lakh to the families of each of the seven workers who died and ₹50,000 each to the injured.

He interacted with other labourers in the factory and said a high-level inquiry would be held. He said the factory owner had announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh each to the families of the deceased and ₹2 lakh to the families of the injured.

He directed Mr. Bhoobalan to send the bodies to their native villages after contacting the Deputy Commissioners of the various districts in Bihar.

HAL to showcase products at 'Avionics Expo 2023' in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) will showcase its legacy in the design, development, and production of a diverse range of avionics systems during 'Avionics Expo 2023' to be held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, between December 7 and 8.

"We will demonstrate HAL's capabilities and contributions toward self-reliance in avionics to our stakeholders, including the Indian Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Civil Aviation, DRDO, and other important institutions," said HAL CMD (Additional Charge) C.B. Ananthakrishnan.

HAL said the expo will unveil a comprehensive range of avionics products designed and developed by HAL. Attendees will witness cutting-edge avionics systems deployed in various aircraft platforms, including advanced flight control systems, communication systems, navigation systems, and more.

It added that there would be engaging panel discussions that will feature experts from the Indian Armed forces, HAL, partner organisations, and academia. Topics will span emerging trends in avionics, challenges in system integration, and the future of aviation electronics, providing a holistic view of the sector.

HAL Avionics Expo 2023 will also offer live demonstrations of avionics products and systems, providing a unique opportunity to experience their capabilities first hand. Visitors will witness the performance and reliability of HAL's avionics solutions in real-time scenarios with outsourced partners showcasing their products too.

UCO Bank IMPS case: CBI searches 13 locations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CBI conducted searches at around 13 locations in Mangaluru and Kolkata in a bank fraud case. CBI sleuths seized mobile phones, laptops, computer systems, email archives, and debit and credit cards used in the crime.

A case was registered on a complaint from UCO Bank against two support engineers working with UCO Bank and other unknown persons on the allegations of suspicious Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) transaction amounting to ₹820 crore.

According to a statement from the CBI, between November 10, 2023, and November 13, 2023, IMPS inward transactions originating from 14,000 account holders across seven private banks were directed to 41,000 account holders within UCO Bank through IMPS.

Chaitra, associate granted conditional bail

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Right-wing activist Chaitra, prime accused in a case of allegedly cheating a businessman of ₹5 crore after promising him a BJP ticket to contest the Assembly election, was granted bail along with her associate Srikanth on Tuesday.

Cashing in on her proximity with a BJP and RSS leader, Chaitra and her associate lured Govindababu Pujari and took ₹5 crore from him promising him a BJP ticket to contest the MLA seat from his home constituency, Byndoor, in the Assembly elections. However, they failed to honour the promise. Based on a complaint by Mr. Pujari, the CCB arrested Chaitra on September 12 from Udupi along with her associate. They questioned her in detail before filing a charge-sheet and seizing the money as well as valuables which she had purchased using the sum.

Chaitra and her associate had filed a bail application and the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate granted the two conditional bail on Monday. The duo had furnished two sureties along with ₹2 lakh bond each and agreed that they would not influence the witnesses in the case in any manner.

Farewell to Arjuna: Hundreds bid adieu to tusker

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Hundreds of people bid adieu to Arjuna, the 64-year-old tusker, who was laid to rest at the Forest Department plantation at Dabbalikatte in Yeslur range in Sakaleshpur on Tuesday. With that, the magnificent era of Arjuna – one of the most popular elephants in the state – has come to an end.

Final rites of Arjuna, the tusker, was conducted at Dabbalikatte plantation of the Forest Department in Sakaleshpur taluk on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Arjuna died in a fight with a wild tusker during an elephant capture operation in the Yeslur Range of the forest on Monday afternoon. While the other tamed elephants and the staff did succeed in escaping unhurt, Arjuna fought valiantly with the wild tusker, suffering wounds that caused his death.

One of the popular tuskers that carried the howdah during Mysuru Dasara celebrations eight times, his death left many elephant lovers saddened. Many people from nearby villages and towns gathered to pay their homage to the tusker.

The mahouts, who looked after the animal for years, were inconsolable. Vinod, Arjuna's mahout, was weeping and could be seen trying to wake the tusker up, evoking the emotions of the crowd. He was unwilling to believe that Arjuna was no more. Forest officials were struggling hard to hold back tears.

The last rites were conducted with traditional rituals and a gun salute. Prahlad Rao, a priest from the Mysuru palace, conducted the rituals. The carcass was garlanded and flower petals were showered on it. As a mark of respect, three rounds were fired in the air. A portion of the land was dug, the carcass was lowered to the pit and later covered with soil.

Among those present were Hassan DC C. Sathyabhama, Additional Chief Conservator of Forests (Project Elephant) Saswati Mishra, Chief Conservator of Forests R. Ravishankar, SP Mohammed Sujeeth DCF D. Mohan Kumar, and others.

Earlier in the day, locals staged a protest urging Forest Department officers to conduct Arjuna's final rites at a better place. They demanded the suspension of officers responsible for the death of the elephant. The police dispersed the mob.

Sakaleshpur MLA Cement Manju said a place easily accessible by roads should be chosen for the final rites so that a memorial could be built. Meanwhile, the mahouts wanted the animal to be taken to Balle Camp, the native place of Arjuna, for final rites. However, the Forest Department went ahead with their original plan.

INBRIEF

IIPM convocation ceremony on December 8

The Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM) is set to commemorate its 20th convocation of the PG diploma in management graduates specialising in Agribusiness and Plantation Management, Food Processing and Business Management, and Agricultural Export and Business Management programmes. The convocation ceremony is scheduled on December 8 at the IIPM Jnana Bharathi campus. Meenesh Shah, chairman and MD, National Dairy Development Board, will deliver the convocation address. L. Satya Srinivas, chairman, IIPM and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will preside over the programme.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated December 6, we have a story on the ongoing rejuvenation of the K-100 stormwater drain project and an overview of the project's progress so far.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (December 6, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- How does GPS work? **bit.ly/gpssystempro**
- Study of 50,000 dogs says vaccines, not culling, will stop rabies **bit.ly/rabiesdogsstudy**

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INBRIEF

Council pays tribute to Captain M.V. Pranjal

The Legislative Council on Tuesday paid rich tributes to Captain M.V. Pranjal from Karnataka and four other Army personnel who sacrificed their lives while fighting terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir on November 22.

Chairman of the Council Basavaraj Horatti said that with their death, the country had lost great soldiers. He said that Captain Pranjal joined the National Defence Academy specifically to serve the country. Kota Srinivas Poojary said that the government should explore whether Captain Pranjal's name could be associated with any programme or project.

The Council also paid tributes to elephant Arjuna that died on December 4. The elephant was the centre of attraction during Mysuru Dasara.

Three Bills tabled in Assembly

The Karnataka Compulsory Service by Candidates Completed Medical Courses (Amendment) Bill, 2023; the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Karavali Development Board Bill, 2023, were introduced in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

Leaf spot disease: 10,750 ha of areca plantations affected

The State government said on Tuesday that 10,750.71 hectares of arecanut plantations were affected by leaf spot disease in the State during 2022-23. Replying to a question by S. Rudre Gowda during the Question Hour in the Legislative Council, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said that a large extent of plantations – 9820.86 hectares – were damaged in Chikkamagaluru district followed by 292.8 hectares in Davangere district, and 202.19 hectares in Chitradurga district. In all, 134.01 hectares were damaged in Hassan district, he said.

JD(S)-Congress clash over nod to speak on copra price

JD(S) and Congress members clashed in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday over the issue of raising the plight of copra farmers.

During Zero Hour, when Arsikere MLA K.M. Shivalinge Gowda was about to start speaking on the difficulty being faced by coconut farmers because of the collapse in prices of copra, JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna too urged the Chair for permission to speak on the issue.

Soon, the JD(S) members trooped to the Well of the House demanding the opportunity to speak first on the issue. But, Speaker U.T. Khader said Mr. Gowda had sought permission on Monday itself to speak on the issue while the request from the JD(S) to raise the matter came only 15 minutes ago. But the JD(S) members were adamant on their stand, leading to angry exchanges between Mr. Gowda and the JD(S) members. Soon, other Congress members too joined in, leading to bedlam in the House.

When nothing was heard due to the commotion, the Speaker adjourned the House for lunch.It may be mentioned here that Mr. Gowda had quit the JD(S) before the last Assembly elections and joined the Congress.

Lokayukta police raid 13 officials, including brother-in-law of Vijayendra

As many as 20 teams conducted raids at 65 locations in nine districts simultaneously; Yatnal used the development to attack BJP State president

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police raided 13 State government officials across the State, including the brother-in-law of the newly appointed BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, after registering disproportionate assets cases on Tuesday. The raid on Prabhulinga K. Mankar, District Health Officer, Yadgir, a relative of Mr. Vijayendra, has raised eyebrows among political circles.

Lokayukta officials in the residence of Yadgir District Health officer Prabhulinga K. Mankar, who is also the brother-in-law of BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, on Tuesday. ARUN KULKARNI

While most BJP leaders did not react to these raids, senior party MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, a dissenting leader against Mr. Vijayendra, used the raids to attack the party chief.

"Be it anyone, someone who is corrupt is always corrupt and let him be from any party, action needs to be taken against him. How can honest people survive when the corrupt are made leaders? Whose money was recovered from the house of conductor Umesh? Whoever has looted Karnataka, be it [B.S.] Yediyurappa or D.K. Shivakumar, everyone should pay for it," he said.

It may be recalled that M.R. Umesh, posted in the Chief Minister's Office on deputation during Mr. Yediyurappa's and later Basavaraj Bommai's tenure, was removed from there after Income Tax sleuths raided him and reportedly uncovered large amounts of suppressed income.

The Lokayukta police on Tuesday raided Dr. Mankar's house at Karuneshwar Nagar in Kalaburagi and his farmhouse on the city's outskirts. They also raided his house and office at Yadgir. According to sources in the Lokayukta, documents pertaining to movable and immovable assets worth ₹1.49 crore belonging to Dr. Mankar were recovered during the raids.

Recovered

Raids on the premises belonging to Channakeshava H.D., Executive Engineer, KPTCL, presently posted with Bescom Jayanagar Sub-Division, led to the recovery of ₹1.4 crore in cash, three kg of gold, 28 kg of silver articles, diamonds worth ₹25 lakh, and documents pertaining to other investments totalling to ₹13 crore.

Other officials who were raided on Tuesday include: H.S. Krishnamurthy, Chief Executive (Secretary), KMF, Ramanagara; T.N. Sudhakar Reddy, Deputy General Manager, Bescom Vigilance, Bengaluru; Basavaraj, retired Junior Engineer, Grade-2, Urban Divisional Store, Hescom, Hubballi; Mahadevaswamy M.S, lecturer, Government First Grade College, Nanjangud, Mysuru district; Thimmarajappa G., Executive Engineer, KRIDL, Vijayapura; H.D. Narayana Swamy, retired Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries University, Bidar; and Sunil Kumar, Account Assistant, Controller of Finance Office, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries University, Bidar.

As many as 20 teams conducted the raids at 65 locations in nine districts simultaneously.

Opposition demands govt. commitment on Seventh Pay Commission report

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) began a dharna in the Well of the Legislative Council on Tuesday demanding that the government should commit itself to accepting the Seventh Pay Commission report and implementing its recommendations.

Members of the Opposition BJP and JD(S) staged a dharna in the Legislative Council in Belagavi on Tuesday.

When the Opposition refused to budge, Deputy Chairman of the House M.K. Pranesh, who was presiding over, adjourned the House till Wednesday.

Raising the matter under Rule 330, BJP member Y.A. Narayana Swamy questioned the government's decision to extend the tenure of the commission to submit its report till March 15, 2024. If the model code of conduct for the next Lok Sabha elections was announced in March, then the government would not be in a position to take any decision on the report. Later, there will be a series of elections – to the Legislative Council, and zilla and taluk panchayats. Hence, there would be a delay of about a year in taking a decision. It appears that the extension given to the commission is intentional and raises a question over the financial stability of the government, he said.

Replying on behalf of the government, Floor Leader of the House N.S. Boseraju said the government was committed to protecting the interests of government employees. It will take a call once the report was ready. "The government will study the pros and cons of the recommendations and take a decision," he said. Not satisfied with the reply, the Opposition members, except A.H. Vishwanath and Marithibbe Gowda, stormed to the Well of the House, shouted slogans against the government and displayed placards.

At one point, members of the treasury benches also shouted slogans against the BJP.

'Indiscriminate' sanction of new liquor licences to hotels comes under criticism

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Minister for Excise R.B. Thimmapur has promised to review the conditions governing the sanction of licences under CL-7 for selling liquor to guests in hotels and boarding houses after members cutting across party lines took exception to the alleged indiscriminate issue of new licences by the authorities.

R.B. Thimmapur

'No norms stipulated'

After S.N. Narayanaswamy, Congress MLA representing Bangarpet, raised the issue during Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, Mr. Thimmapur said the existing rules had not stipulated any norms on the building plan of the hotel or boarding house or the extent of area to be reserved for parking on their premises.

"It is being ensured that all basic amenities or facilities required for CL-7 are provided and among these facilities it is also being ensured that double-bedded rooms with toilet facilities and parking facility are being provided for parking of vehicles in the CL-7 licensed premises. However, there are no specific provisions in the Excise Act and Rules regarding the exact space that needs to be reserved by the CL-7 licensee for vehicle parking and the exact room dimension too," he said.

However, he promised to review the matter after several members complained that rules were being ignored when it came to sanction of new CL-7 licences.

Many raise the issue

Mr. Narayanswamy alleged that the licence-issuing officials of the Excise Department in his constituency had become partners of hotels and boarding houses in return for relaxing the rules to issue CL-7 licences. Several other members of the House also complained of the problems arising in their constituencies due to an increase in the number of hotels and lodges serving liquor on their premises by obtaining CL-7 licences.

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok too joined the discussion and urged the government to take all steps to prevent an increase in the number of "drunkards" in society.

Well-wishers in my own party backstabbed me, says Hariprasad

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Senior Congress leader and MLC B.K. Hariprasad, who is upset over not being made a Minister in the State Cabinet, told the Upper House on Tuesday that his own "well-wishers" in the party backstabbed him in politics and none of the Opposition members had harmed him in any way.

B.K. Hariprasad (left) in the Legislative Council on Tuesday.

Mr. Hariprasad, who attended the Legislative Council session for the first time after the formation of the Congress government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, said he could not thank the members of the House while demitting the office as the then Leader of the Opposition due to a programme of the All India Congress Committee. Hence he was requesting Chairman Basavaraj Horatti to allow him to extend his gratitude to all the members.

It may be mentioned here that earlier, Mr. Hariprasad had gone on record saying that he knew how to make a Chief Minister or to force a Chief Minister to step down. In an indirect reference to Mr. Siddaramaiah, the senior Congress leader at a programme had taunted party leaders for invoking the legacy of the former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, emphasising that mere association with his car does not make one Devaraj Urs. He stressed the importance of implementing Urs's principles and ideologies.

Govt. seeks exemption from scrapping of old fire-fighting vehicles

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The State government has written to the Centre seeking an exemption for fire-fighting vehicles from its guidelines on scrapping all government vehicles that are 15 years old.

Responding to a question from Srinivas G.H. representing Tarikere Assembly constituency, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said on Tuesday that a meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary to the Department of Home on July 28 decided to seek the Centre's permission to renew the registration of vehicles of the State Fire and Emergency Services Department that were in good condition even after a lapse of 15 years in view of the difficulty arising in providing basic fire and emergency services if they are scrapped.

Letter sent

A letter in this regard was sent to the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on October 6. "We are awaiting permission from the Centre," he said.

He, however, said the Police Department had identified a total of 1,700 vehicles that were 15 years old and ₹100 crore had been set aside for purchasing replacement vehicles.

Fire station

Meanwhile, responding to a question from Basanagouda Turuvihal on setting up a fire station at Maski, the Assembly constituency he represents, Mr. Parameshwara said Maski taluk had reported a total of 243 fire incidents during the five years between 2017 and 2022, besides 13 calls for rescue.

The number of fire incidents reported from Maski during this period did not merit setting up an exclusive fire station in the town, he said adding that fire stations at Lingsugur and Sindhanur, both situated at a distance of 30 km, send their fire fighting equipment and vehicles whenever a fire incident is reported in Maski. Also, the Fire Advisory Council's guidelines do not provide for setting up fire stations within 10 km in urban areas and within 50 km in rural areas, he said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

Rudolph 'Rudy' Michael Edge,

born on Oct 10th, 1946, in Chennai, India, passed away peacefully in Melbourne, Australia, on Dec 3rd, 2023.

Rudy is lovingly remembered by his wife, Maureen, his children Jerusha and Dustin, their spouses Krishnan and Lubna, his grandchildren Dia, Liam and Maya, as well as Rudy's numerous family members, friends and colleagues whose lives he touched with his generosity, his wisdom, his curiosity and his sense of humour.

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As K-100 waterway project nears completion, a handful of challenges persist

The K-100 stormwater drain originates from Shantala Silks near Majestic bus stand, cuts through neighbouurhoods of varying characteristics, and drains into Bellandur lake

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File photos of K-100 Project between K. R. Market and Bellandur lake, at Shantinagar.

The ongoing rejuvenation of the K-100 storm water drain project may be completed by middle of next year and the renovated waterfront would be opened for the public, says officials.

B.S. Prahalad , Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure, the officer looking over the project says major work has been completed and the Koramangala Valley will be open by May 2024.

"The major work in the project was the desilting process, which has been completed. The retaining walls and bridge work have also been completed. Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been installed. The sewage water which was throughout the valley is being removed and is almost cleared. Electromechanical work is in progress and by May 2024 the Koramangala Valley will be completed and opened to public."

However, a few challenges seem to be still persisting.

A pilot for fixing city's SWDs

Seeing that the township lacked natural lakes, Kempe Gowda, in the 15th century, set about building tanks in the shallow areas of Bengaluru. The tanks were all connected by swales or canals called *Rajakaluves* AKA the King's canals. The *kaluves* are not concrete structures, but depressions on the ground channelling water from one tank to the other especially during surge events.

In the 1970s the city started relying more on piped water from the Cauvery river. Eventually, the lakes, tanks and *kaluves* fell into disuse. Some vanished, some were encroached upon; Buildings, roads and other forms of construction came upon some, some became garbage dumps.

Cut to the present, and inundation during every monsoon has become the norm in the city.

"When it rains a lot, the water will find the course it used to flow earlier and that area will flood. Secondly, when there's a surge there's no place in the *rajakaluves* for the water to flow and hence it overflows," says Naresh V. Narasimhan, architect, urban designer and managing partner at Venkataramanan Associates.

He points out that many of the storm water drains that remain today are concreted boxes. A large portion of them is covered with silt, solid waste and sewage, leaving only very little capacity to take a storm water surge.

"The focus of Bengaluru's water conservation efforts has always been the lakes. But if you don't fix the source of the pollution which is raw sewage mixed with solid waste you can never fix that lake. How much ever you beautify it, the water will be polluted and unhygienic," he says.

In 2020 discussions on rejuvenating the K-100 waterway as a pilot for transforming the entire SWD network in the city began. The K100 stormwater drain originates from Shantala Silks near Majestic bus stand (erstwhile Dharmambudhi lake), cut through neighbourhoods of varying characteristics and drain into Bellandur lake.

The K-100 waterway

In Mr. Narasimhan's words K-100 had 'all the problems and was representative of all the *rajakaluves*.' The idea, therefore, was to try and transform it from a grey piece of infrastructure to a public space that finds belongingness among people.

Bengaluru has about 300km of *rajakaluves* and about 600km of secondary feeders. The K-100 waterway intended to try and fix around 10km of primary and 26km of secondaries.

"The concept was very simple - sewage should flow in pipes and stormwater should flow in *rajakaluves*," says Mr. Narasimhan. However, the task at hand was not as simple.

People had mistaken the canal for a sewage drain and were throwing garbage into it. Several houses had connected their toilet outlets to the drain and raw sewage was flowing in it.

At a point 130 million litres of sewage was flowing in the canal. With effective urban, engineering and social design, this was brought down significantly.

"Earlier around 120 MLD of sewage water was going down the Koramangala Valley, now it has come down to 3 MLD. It was mandated to us to plug out at least 90% of the sewage water from the valley, and we have achieved more than 96%," says N Jayaram, Chairman, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Boards (BWSSB).

When the heavy rains caused massive flooding in the city in 2022, K-100 was the only SWD that did not overflow.

Facelift for the surrounding areas

The rejuvenation of the storm water drain has had a major impact on the areas on either sides of the canal.

Mr. Narasimhan notes that it has made a pleasant pedestrian environment and has contributed to women's safety. The real estate values of the area - which was earlier considered a *mori* (sewer) - have gone up from ₹ 3,000 per sqft to ₹ 12,000.

People have started taking ownership of the SWD and ensure that garbage is not thrown into it. The height of the fence of the drain has been reduced from 7.5 feet to three feet and the drain is visible from both sides This further prevents people from throwing garbage into the drain.

Challenges persist

The waterway whose works started in March 2021 has so far missed multiple deadlines of completion. A few engineering issues due to which work had to be redone and the regime change earlier this year contributed to the delay.

"There are also a lot of rocky areas throughout the valley, for which we are using a device called a diamond cutter. However, as most of these areas have heavy traffic flowing, it takes time to dig up and finish the pipeline process. There are very few minute works left to do and will be complete within a span of 3-6 months", says Mr Jayaram, who adds that 96% of the work has been completed from the civic body's side and the rest would be completed within a few months.

"We are putting in efforts to clear the rust on the pipelines. During non-rainy seasons we have noticed that there is hardly any drain water flowing in the valley, but it rises during the rainy seasons," he says.

The works of the first walkway near the bus stand has been completed and according to be Mr. Narasimhan, two more paths on the route is planned.

While the sewage problem has mostly been solved, some challenges still persist. A small stream of sewage still continues to flow into the drain.

"One portion of the drain goes through the old city where it's underground. There we can't do anything about the sewage. Wherever possible we have diverted it, but it is still coming," says Mr. Narasimhan.

"On one of the secondaries one entire community has built their entire housing complex on top of it and all the sewage is directly connected to it. We cannot remove it or fix it. It's right at the edge of the drain. In such areas, instead of an STP we are putting aquatic plants that consume sewage. The only maintenance cost is gardening and trimming."

Mr. Jayaram adds to this.

"What is challenging is that in areas like Avenue Road there is not a single storm water drain (SWD), due to which during rainy days water is going into the manholes...Manholes are not designed to withstand flow of rainwater, due to which overflowing happens and that goes into the Koramangala Valley," he says.

"Similarly, in areas like the K.R. Market, there is waste, garbage, dust and debris everywhere, which is not cleared frequently. Whenever it rains all the waste in the market area flows into the valley."

"It pollutes and changes the colour of the flowing water. Our only solution is to educate people in and around these areas to stop polluting their surroundings".

Following the K-100 project, rejuvenation of K-112 drain near Sampangi Rama Nagar is also in the pipeline, says Mr. Narasimhan.

"The drain passes through a slum area where they have put a slab on top of the *Kaluve* and are using it as an access road to their houses," he says, pointing out that the rejuvenation plans often run into such problems.

"Cities will work if they are for everybody and made by everybody. Going and breaking all the stuff is not going to work. But preventing further damage is possible. We are working with whatever is left of the *Rajakaluves* wherever possible."

Amazon Future Engineer expands to introduce AI modules in 100 KREIS schools

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amazon on December 4 announced the expansion of its Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) program to introduce advanced coding and artificial intelligence (AI) modules in 100 Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS) Schools. The company will also provide digital infrastructure enhancements for 30 KREIS Schools. This expansion will impact over 13,000 students in grades six to eight across 30 districts of Karnataka.

The expanded module will enable students to develop complex computer applications incorporating advanced programming concepts like control conditions, variables, and functions. Additionally, through project-based learning, students will also be introduced to the basics of AI with a further understanding of its relevance, future possibilities, and impact on their lives.

This initiative is implemented in collaboration with the Learning Links Foundation (LLF), which will conduct introductory coding sessions and grade appropriate coding boot camps. "The Amazon Future Engineer program's integration of advanced coding and AI modules aligns seamlessly with our vision to empower our students with the proficiency required to navigate the increasingly tech-centric world," said Shri Manivannan P., Principal Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.

In September 2023, Amazon India announced the expansion of its partnership with the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, to launch the Amazon Future Engineer program in 54 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Telangana. The partnership was expanded from computer science fundamentals module to include Advanced Block Programming and AI for students of grades six to nine.

Gender Gaps and Gajras in a Women's World of Science

Other key issues that cropped up during the Bangalore Lit Fest session included a lack of support system within the industry, and how motherhood and family impact women's science career

Meghnavi Ravuri
BENGALURU

People attending the 12th Edition Bangalore Literature Festival.

There is a tendency to see science as being above society, untouched by the regular society's biases, points out independent science journalist Nandita Jayaraj, the co-author of *Lab Hopping: A Journey to Find India's Women In Science*. "But in contrast, it is sometimes amplified, "says Jayaraj, adding that questioning science and scientists is often discouraged. "Because of that, they get away with a lot," she says at a session titled *Lab Hopping: Women Scientists in India,* one of the many that formed part of the 12th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival on December 3.

Women in science

In a conversation with her co-author, Aashima Dogra, which was moderated by journalist Divya Shekhar, Jayaraj and Dogra spoke about the journey of writing their book Lab Hopping, which featured women in the science industry, the gender gaps and the possible solutions to proceed with in the future.

Divya Shekhar started the session by speaking about the success of the Chandrayaan mission and how the image of the ISRO women wearing brightly coloured sarees and gajras had gone viral, "It's very telling of the bias that we have against women scientists. Because this idea of Indian women in saris, in gajras in the setting of highly technological, very advanced space, it doesn't really fit together so well," says Aashima Dogra, adding that this cultural moment was a significant one.

The duo also went on to talk about the genesis of their book, which began its life as a feminist science multimedia platform called *The Life of Science*. "We had time on our hands, were young, and liked to travel," recalls Jayaraj, recalling how they ended up visiting parts of the country that are not usually associated with science, including Kalimpong in West Bengal and Aluva in Kerala. "There were laboratories that were working there. And there were people that were doing different kinds of science there. And to our surprise there were women in most of these places doing science there," says Nandita Jayaraj of their book, *Lab Hopping,* an investigative look into the gender gap in Indian science.

Motherhood

Other key issues which cropped up during the discussion included a lack of support systems within the industry, how motherhood and family impact women's science careers, and the gender stereotypes in the industry, among other things. "I think the patriarchy and the prejudice. can sometimes lead to people not being understood, and lead to people feeling that they are not being heard," points out Shekhar. Dogra adds. "I think the hope from this book really is to kind of have the conversation about our science culture...to open it up," she says.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 6, 1973

Eleven Karnataka Ministers to Resign

Bangalore, Dec. 5: In a dramatic development to-day ten members of Karnataka Cabinet and a Minister of State handed over their resignations to the Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs to strengthen his hands to deal with "the situation" created by the Basavalingappa affair.

The chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs announced to pressmen the resignations of his Cabinet colleagues after the Cabinet meeting, which discussed the students' agitation against the recent public speech of Mr. Basavalingappa, considered derogatory to the Kannada language. The Minister has denied having said anything derogatory.

Mothers' plea to Bangalore V.C.

Bangalore, Dec. 5: Anxious mothers of students have urged the Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University, Dr. H. Narasimhaiah to do "something" to restore normalcy in the University. About 50 of them who held informal discussions with him at the Central college to-day, discussed ways to put an end to student trouble. They wished to know whether special classes calling for cancellation of leave to the teaching staff, if necessary, could be conducted.

"I do not mind if you lock up my son in your college, till the final examination, as long as I am assured that he would not lose one precious year which would mar his future," a mother remarked.

The parents will submit a memorandum to the Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs urging him to ensure peaceful working of colleges when they reopen on December 10.

Culinary triumvirate (From left) Gary Mehigan, George Calombaris and Matt Preston. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gary Mehigan and Matt Preston in Bengaluru for a hearty conversation about food and their unique culinary experiences in India

The real stars of Australian kitchen

Priyamedha Dutta

For us 90s kids, and anyone else who watched telly, *MasterChef Australia* was synonymous with gastronomic adventures. With contestants from different parts of the world it was a gateway to global cuisine. And what made *MasterChef Australia* a core childhood memory were the three judges, Matt Preston, Gary Mehigan, and George Calombaris. From mystery box challenges, to engaging in lighthearted banter with contestants, the trio has long left the reality show and are charting their own path.

Preston, Mehigan, and Calombaris were in India last week for their three-city tour with Conosh, a Bengaluru-based platform that became a sensation for their online culinary classes featuring celebrity chefs. After conducting ticketed pop-up dinners and masterclasses in New Delhi and Mumbai, they were in Bengaluru, their final destination. Mehigan and Preston sat down with us for a hearty conversation about food and their unique culinary experiences in India.

With Indians being more open to global cuisine and Indian chefs incorporating techniques of the West in their cooking, there is definitely a change of air, admits Preston. "It's the young Indian chefs taking the right stuff and creating something that is respectful but not chained by tradition."

When in India one cannot ignore India's plethora of street food options, "For us, coming from overseas, the street food is always amazing," adds Preston. The *dahi batata puri* was definitely a "wow moment", for Preston.

From Mumbai's *Kyani &Co.* to *Khau Galli,* the trio had enjoyed the taste of India. "What we found interesting this time is the level of baking," says Mehigan. "We always speak about countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines and Japan when it comes to baking but now India is getting close to being the same."

While Indian food is always known for its diversity, Indian food in the West has always been predominately about north Indian cuisine (especially Punjabi food) from butter chicken to *dal makhani*. "In Australia, South Indian food is gaining popularity, but you don't see much Parsi cuisine," says Preston.

Dinner to remember

For course one, the Vegemite Scroll Crips topped with fava bean puree, sifnos onions and caper leaves (curated by Calombaris) was a different take on regular Vegemite scrolls. Preston's potato and cheese croquettes topped with whipped goat cheese gave a creamy touch to the dish.

In course two, the olive poached tuna (Calombaris) was paired really well with warm pitas. For course three, the Arabian Gulf Prawns (Preston) were paired beautifully with Sauvignon Blanc. Mehigan's lemon ricotta ravioli stuffed with yogurt-dried mint, a little bit of Italy on a plate, made up course four.

For course five, the trio dished fresh figs with wild indigenous honey, followed by Mehigan's braised Australian lamb shank, which was the star of the night. The tender lamb for course six, was paired with spices and bursting with flavour. Pairing the dish with Compa Viejo Tempranillo, a red wine gave the dish a different dimension.

Course seven comprised desserts curated by the trio, from baklava ice cream sandwich to roasted white chocolate tart, and were a perfect end to the evening.

Mehigan talks about how migratory patterns have always had a crucial impact on the food culture of a country, "Melbourne has always welcomed a lot of top Indian chefs who have later settled down and brought cuisines from the region they are from. Migrants clinging on to a little bit of home and period of history are reflected in what they love to eat."

India's culinary landscape, with its fresh, local ingredients, has made this country a Pandora's box of flavours for chefs around the world. "I have discovered a few things from my travels in India that I have never had before. When I was in Nagaland last year, we came across fermented ingredients such as bamboo shoots and bean sprouts – all of these add a rich *umami* flavour to food," says Preston.

"The fresh winter produce like *chana daal, lentils* and *moong,* that you see in abundance in the streets can be very expensive in the West," adds Mehigan.

When Preston says, "For most of you who have grown up watching MasterChef, it's like your childhood cartoon characters coming alive." And we heartily agree with that.

Preston and Mehigan curated a pop-up dinner on which they admit, "took almost six months to plan out."

Curating a seven-course dinner for an Indian audience is challenging, says Preston, "You cannot send people home without a full stomach, especially an Indian audience."

Each dish at the dinner was curated by Mehigan, Preston, and Calombaris.

CITYBEATS

Peak performance

DECEMBER 10

Elevate your running game at the Tagda RahoxRapid Sports Fitness workshop. Led by Chelston Pinto, Co-founder of RSF, and Rishabh Malhotra, Founder of Tagda Raho, this 90-min session focuses on biomechanics, plyometric development, and a holistic training system for injury prevention.

At at Tagda Raho, Ulsoor, from 9am to 10:30am. Price: ₹1250. Contact 9986431101.

Cultural odyssey

DECEMBER 5 AND 6

Experience the richness of Karnataka culture with Yakshagana and Talamaddale performances. This event, part of the citywide Unboxing BLR Habba festival,is a tribute to Bengaluru's multifaceted identity. Yakshagana is the traditional folk dance performance from coastal Karnataka and Talamaddale is a derivative of Yakshagana. *At 7pm on both days at Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar.*

Take a gander at this goose

Ruth Dhanaraj

First off, do not let the name get to you – there is nothing about Gawky Goose that suggests you will be ogled at in an unseemly manner. Opened just before the lockdown, Gawky or GG as it is popularly called by GenZ, has slowly and steadily been making its presence felt.

Tucked away in a lane in a part of the city bustling with pubs, clubs and a dozen restaurants dishing out different cuisines, what makes Gawky Goose a draw are its extensive seating options – two outdoors and one inside. And perhaps best of all is the pet-friendly zone on the outer side of the restaurant so pet parents do not have to make an ungainly dash for the door under any circumstance.

With restaurants a dime a dozen in the neighbourhood, we asked the chef and bartender to ply us with their signature dishes and they complied taking our requests into consideration. What is impressive here is the range of vegetarian options across courses and cuisines, which is quite commendable considering most places are still content to remain in the potatoes-paneer-cauliflower province.

We start with the chilli fry edamame which went well with our drinks – the litchi & rose Cooler and zaffarano hooch. The cooler uses lime juice instead of gin in a signature cocktail here called floral fizz, and it made for a light refreshing drink in the middle of the day. The hooch was an intense blend of bourbon, saffron and grapefruit syrups topped with hazelnut foam.

Next, was the Amritsari *paneer* and burnt chilli chicken *tikka*. The *paneer* was soft and succulent, retaining the flavours of its marinade and is served with roasted pineapple chutney.

The burnt chilli chicken was interesting on multiple counts – it really looks burnt, but if you go past the smoky aftertaste, you understand why it complements the flavours of the meat which was also well marinated and tender. The *burani* yoghurt sauce offsets its spice quotient.

The second set of drinks included roan pigeon wings, a strikingly coloured concoction of gin, blue pea tea, ginger ale and lime juice, topped with an orange jelly wedge which gave it a zesty kick, and shock, a simple, mellow mocktail of guava juice and black currant.

Gawky Goose

Hits: Corn and orange cake, Coconut curried prawns, cocoa Barry chocolate nemesis

Misses: Euro Asian vegetable curry

Wallet factor: ₹3500/- for two with alcohol

A perfect hangout For family, friends and four-legged companions. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Both the small plates that turned up next were delightfully delicious and it is easy to understand why they fall into Gawky's signature dish category. I would say do not try and imagine what the corn and orange cake is, just so you will be pleasantly surprised when it does arrive. First, its neither a cake nor sweet – deep fried pockets of mashed corn stuffed with a cheesy, Thai curried mayo; second, the burst of flavour and texture make it a great choice for vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike.

The coconut curried prawns make a case for fantastic presentation. It is ordinary *neer dosa* and a tasty prawn curry plated to perfection so it can be shared without getting messy; that the prawns were juicy and fresh make it an all-round winner.

After the starters and small plates, a main course was not on the top of our to-eat list, but for the purpose of this review we tried a Euro Asian vegetable curry. This two-in-one dish serves jasmine rice and vegetables cooked in a base of coconut milk and Singapore curry powder.

The desserts were a scrumptious and despite protestations of "being too full" were polished off without second thought. The tres leches lived up to its reputation of being a milky, creamy delight, while the cocoa Barry chocolate nemesis was decadence in the guise of a dark chocolate and orange mousse..

Faults at Gawky would not be with the food, but rather the lack of cutlery that would normally accompany a dish and the offer to serve it for you. And if you are a stickler for nomenclature, the at-odds naming of dishes and drinks could be either irksome or amusing.

Gawky Goose is on #77, Wind Tunnel Rd, Muniyappa Layout, Murgesh Pallya

Lights, camera, Japan

Staff Reporter

Prepare for an exciting cinematic experience as the Japan Foundation New Delhi brings back the Japanese Film Festival to Bengaluru. With a thoughtfully curated lineup of 11 films, the festival promises to transport audiences into the heart of Japanese storytelling, offering a blend of drama, romance, and humour.

From December 7 to 10, the INOX at Mantri Square Mall, Malleswaram, will transform into a hub of Japanese cinematic excellence. The festival opens its doors with *A Man* at 7.45pm on the first day of the festival, followed by a diverse array of films, including *MONDAYS: See you 'this' week!*, the suspenseful *Detective Conan the Movie: The Last Wizard of the Century*, and *Intolerance*.

Japanese indulgence At the three day film festival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Anime enthusiasts can indulge in *Anime Supremacy!* at 2pm on the December 9, while the evening brings has *Monster* at 4.45pm and the heart-warming *We Made a Beautiful Bouquet* at 7.30pm.

The last day of the festival features classics like *Lupin The 3rd: The Castle of Cagliostro*, the nostalgic *Father of the Milky Way Railroad*, and the mysterious *Detective Conan the Movie: Crossroad in the Ancient Capital*. The festival concludes with *Detective Conan: Episode 'One'* at 7pm.

Tickets are available on all INOX and affiliated platforms. For more information about the festival, visit nd.jpf.go.jp/japanese-film-festival-2023/

Members of the State Disaster Response Force clearing a road after Cyclone Michaung made landfall, in Nellore district. REUTERS

Ensure essential items for cyclone victims, says Jagan

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy reviewed the status of severe cyclonic storm, 'Michaung', and the relief measures taken on Tuesday.

The officials told the Chief Minister that 9,500 people had been shifted to 211 relief camps set up across the affected districts. The Chief Minister directed the officials to provide all essential items such as drinking water, food and medicines to the cyclone victims.

Mr. Reddy asked the officials to ensure that power supply was restored in all the affected areas immediately. He also told them to distribute ration to the affected people using the services of the volunteers and staff of the village and ward secretariats.

Paddy fields in nearly 9,000 acres have been inundated, facing a threat of complete damage to the crop, in the Central Godavari Delta, following continuous rainfall in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district. No loss of life was reported in the Godavari region.

Paddy crop in at least 50,000 acres is ready for harvest and nearly 9,000 acres of paddy fields had been submerged, said Konaseema district Collector Himanshu Shukla.

Civil Supplies Minister Karumuri Venkata Nageswara Rao said that 1.7 lakh metric tonnes of paddy worth ₹1,140 crore had been procured in the last 72 hours in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the media here, Mr. Venkata Nageswara Rao said that ₹800 crore had already been deposited into the accounts of the farmers.

"The 1.7 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been bought offline to check loss caused by the Cyclone Michaung. The paddy will be procured at the Minimum Support Price irrespective of the moisture level in the produce," he said.

Cyclone Michaung: toll rises to 7 in Chennai, 3 districts

Additional workforce is being sourced from neighbouring districts to undertake relief operations in Chennai and three neighbouring districts on a war footing; over 61,600 people in relief camps

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The death toll due to torrential rains and rain-related incidents caused by Cyclone Michaung in Chennai and three neighbouring districts rose to seven on Tuesday. Meanwhile, over 61,600 people were moved to relief camps in nine districts, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said.

While addressing a press conference in the Secretariat, Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena said additional workforce is being sourced from neighbouring districts to undertake relief operations in Chennai and three neighbouring districts on a war footing. . Over 11 lakh food packets and over a lakh milk packets have been distributed.

Mr. Meena said while 70% of bus services have resumed in Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts, 30% of services have resumed in Chennai, as the demand was less and some areas reported water stagnation. Nearly 800 buses were operated in Chennai on Tuesday afternoon. Managing Director of Chennai Metro Rail Limited M.A. Siddique said that Chennai Metro has resumed normal services.

As for communication, about 70% of the mobile phone towers were functional, while 30% of them were down. A nodal officer has been appointed to coordinate with the service providers and the electricity officials to resume their functions, Mr. Meena said. Over 800 of the total 900 fuel pumps in these four districts were operational as of Tuesday afternoon.

Director of Fire and Rescue Services Abhash Kumar said that over 1,700 fire personnel were involved in rescue operations and rescued over 1,850 people. Chennai Police Commissioner Sandeep Rai Rathore said over 18,000 police personnel were involved in rescue and relief operations across Chennai city.

A spokesperson of the Union Ministry of Defence said that on the request from the Greater Chennai Corporation, the Navy team comprising divers and swimmers with inflatable Gemini boats were deployed for providing flood relief in the suburbs of Chennai.

Two Air Force helicopters dropped relief material to benefit people stranded in cyclone-hit areas in Chennai.

Helping hand: Fishermen rescuing people affected in Velacherry, Chennai, on Tuesday. AKHILA EASWARAN

Actors Aamir, Vishnu Vishal rescued

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

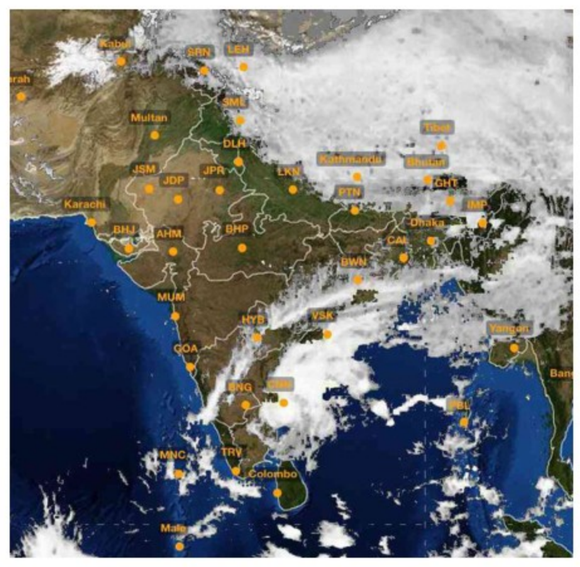
As he quietly boarded onto a boat in Karapakkam, actor Aamir Khan became one among hundreds of people who were rescued in Chennai in the aftermath of the heavy rain caused in the wake of the Cyclone Michaung.

On Tuesday, actor Vishnu Vishal posted a tweet stating that he was stranded in his residence without electricity or a cellular network.

Three and a half hours later, he put out two pictures of him and Aamir Khan on a rescue boat, along with the personnel who brought them out safely from Mr. Vishal's residence.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, north coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Vidarbha, Telangana, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	26.8	21.6	Kozhikode	—	34.8	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	25.7	17.5	Kurnool	9	33.0	21.8
Aizawl	—	22.0	16.0	Lucknow	15.9	25.6	16.1
Allahabad	—	23.0	17.6	Madurai	—	36.6	25.1
Bengaluru	—	24.0	19.4	Mangaluru	—	33.0	23.9
Bhopal	—	25.0	17.5	Mumbai	—	34.0	23.8
Bhubaneswar	0.5	27.0	21.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	23.4
Chandigarh	—	24.7	12.1	New Delhi	—	25.4	11.2
Chennai	—	31.1	22.8	Patna	—	26.0	18.7
Coimbatore	—	31.3	23.3	Port Blair	61	30.0	23.6
Dehradun	0.2	26.2	10.8	Puducherry	—	33.2	25.4
Gangtok	—	17.0	9.6	Pune	—	29.4	17.8
Goa	—	33.0	23.0	Raipur	2.8	21.0	19.3
Guwahati	—	27.0	18.0	Ranchi	0.6	21.0	16.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	—	20.5	12.0
Hyderabad	0.6	24.6	20.6	Shimla	6	21.0	7.6
Imphal	—	20.7	14.1	Srinagar	—	13.0	-1.4
Jaipur	—	23.0	12.7	Thiruvananthapuram	6	34.2	25.0
Kochi	—	32.0	26.2	Tiruchi	—	33.0	25.6
Kohima	—	20.0	8.9	Vijayawada	71	32.0	23.0
Kolkata	0.1	26.0	21.6	Visakhapatnam	49	30.0	22.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	3	13	26	74	72	
Bengaluru	10	41	46	232	133	
Chennai	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delhi	14	106	53	351	262	
Hyderabad	38	28	30	70	86	
Kolkata	19	81	14	174	123	
Lucknow	11	126	52	52	59	
Mumbai	9	48	32	278	176	
Pune	—	21	48	175	105	
Visakhapatnam	13	31	42	74	65	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 428 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Karnataka govt. ban on fodder supply to Kerala is anti-farmer'

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA

Hundreds of dairy farmers took part in a march taken out under the aegis of the LDF to the Kerala-Karnataka boundary on Tuesday in protest against a ban imposed by the Karnataka government on transportation of fodder, including green maize forage, to Kerala. LDF convener E.P. Jayarajan said that the stance of the Karnataka government on imposing the ban on the transportation of fodder to Kerala was anti-farmer.

The Congress government issued such a ban to protect the vested interests of some corporate companies to promote the sale of their cattle feed in the State market. It would affect both the dairy farmers in the State and the maize farmers in Karnataka, Mr. Jayarajan said.

CPI(M) senses victory in Cong. notice on Kerala finances in LS

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

T.N. Prathapan

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] on Tuesday sensed a political victory in the Congress's decision to give notice for an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha to spotlight the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government's "fiscal hostility" towards Kerala.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan termed the notice given by MP T.N. Prathapan challenging the Centre's "bid to strangle the State's finances" a belated but welcome change of heart.

CPI(M) Central Committee member A.K. Balan noted the move contradicted the Congress narrative that the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government's "faulty tax administration and profligacy" had precipitated the financial crisis. The Congress sensed the political tide was changing in Kerala. The Opposition could ill-afford to remain an apologist for the Centre's brazen trespasses on fiscal federalism by wrongly blaming the State government for the financial crisis, he said.

Mr. Balan alleged that Congress MPs had repeatedly refused to join hands with the State government to fight for fiscal federalism. The Congress has sensed the sand was shifting under its feet.

The Cabinet's public outreach programme, 'Navakerala Sadas', had won bipartisan political approval. Congress leader K.V. Gopinath's presence at the 'Navakerala Sadas' in Palakkad was proof of the new drift in State politics, he added.

Mr. Prathapan told a news channel in New Delhi that the CPI(M)'s insinuation that he had veered away from the Congress line had no merit. The Congress's opposition to the LDF government's "financial mismanagement and profligacy" would march in lockstep with the Congress's resolve to resist Centre's fiscal antipathy to non-BJP ruled States.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the Centre's scaling down of Kerala's tax dividend and denial of GST compensation merely exacerbated the financial crisis precipitated by the State government's dismal fiscal management, maladministration, prolificacy and corruption.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.KPTCL/HRDC/CIVIL/B-78/47182/2023-24/1995 Dated: 04.12.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Bids on Karnataka Government e-Procurement portal for the following services. **Providing Security Services to Human Resource Development Centre, KPTCL, Hoody, Bengaluru (Call-2).** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 54,85,606/-.** The bids will be received through Karnataka Government e-procurement portal only. The other details regarding qualifying requirements, period of completion, EMD and details regarding participating in e-procurement process etc., can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 4:00 PM on 11.12.2023** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/ - Administrator, K.P.T.C.L., HRD Centre, White Field Road, Hoody, Bengaluru-560 048

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga
EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TE/JJM/Kppp-Proc/2023-24/1590 **Date : 01.12.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Kppp-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga. **Indent Nos: (1) 573 (2) 6461 (3) 721 (4) 494 (5) 420 (6) 718 (7) 6657 (8) 6660 (9) 6661 (10) 6659 (11) 6783 (12) 6777 (13) 6761 (14) 6739 (15) 6740 (16) 6738 (17) 6731**

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only. **Few conditions of the tender :** (1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **08.12.2023 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **11.12.2023 at 11.30 A M.** (3) Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **13.12.2023 at 11.30 A M.** (5) Specified time period for completion of works : **6 months (180 days) 573 11 months**

sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.06-12
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI
(Office of the Executive Engineer, H & FWD Engineering Division
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Kalaburagi-585102, Phone/Fax No-08472 – 241982. E –mail-ee.khsdrp.klb@gmail.com
No: HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-1/OPEC-RIMS /T.G/2023-24/641 Date: 04-12-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Division, Kalaburagi invite tenders in Two Cover Document system from eligible Class-III & Above contractors registered in KPWD, in kppp portal for 1) Renovation and repairs to Manifold Room of RGSSH (OPEC) Hospital at Raichur in Raichur district. 2) Providing and Installation of Passenger/Bed Hospital Lifts to Rajiv Gandhi Super specialty (OPEC) Hospital at Raichur in Raichur District. 3) Construction and Erection of Vehicle Parking Shed for Two and Four Wheelers in the Premises of Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital at Raichur in Raichur District. of the Health and Family Welfare Department. Project Cost- Minimun **Rs. 25.00 lakhs** and Maximum Project Cost **Rs. 96.00** stipulated period for completion-02, 03 and 04 Months Respectively including monsoon-(Refer kppp-portal for the details).

Calendar of Events:

1) Last date for receipt of tenders : **20-12-2023 upto 16:30 hrs,** 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **21-12-2023 at 17:00 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the kppp portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the kppp portal platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/528/KSMC&A/2023-24

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.3 VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 27.11.2023 WRIT PETITION NO.34508/2017 (BDA)

SRI. A. RAMASUBBAIAH S/o Nagaiah, R/at No.81, New Andhra Lane, Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560 047, Represented By his GPA Holder Sri N.S. Janakiraman S/o N. Shamanna, R/at No.516, Lakshmi Nilayam, 5th Main Road, Jai Jawan Nagar, Banaswadi Post, Bengaluru-560043 & Another
....PETITIONERS

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, T. Chowdaiah Road, K.P. West, Bengaluru-560020. By Its Commissioner. & Another
....RESPONDENTS

TO, 3. SMT. C.K. KUSUMA RANI W/o C.S. Balakrishna R/at No.173, Adaguru A. Cholenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Chennaraya Patna Taluk, Hassan District-573116.
...RESPONDENT NO.3

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioners under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, praying

(a) To issue a writ of mandamus or such other appropriate writ or orders or directions, directing the Respondent/BDA to execute and register the absolute sale deed in respect of the schedule site in favour of either the 1st petitioner as represented by its GPA Holder Sri. N.S. Janakiraman or in the name of Sri. N.S. Janakiraman or in the name of 2nd petitioner.

(b) To award costs.

(c) To declare that the Sale deed dated 20.02.2019 executed by the BDA/1st Respondent in favour of the respondent No.2 Sri. K. Gopalakrishna, which deed is registered in the office of the Addl. Sub Registrar, BDA, Bengaluru City District as No. BDA-1-08773-2018-19 in Book I and stored in C.D. No. BDAD 274 dated 22.02.2019 (i.e., Annexure R) as illegal and null and void ab-initio and to consequently direct the Addl. Sub Registrar (BDA) Bengaluru City District to make an entry in all the concerned registeres in this regard. has been registered by this Court. Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition on **03.01.2024** at 10.30 A.M. in case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this on 2nd day of December 2023.

By the order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri. M. Subramanya, Son of Late C. Muniyappa,is the absolute owner of the property described in Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client viz., Sri.Venkataswamy Reddy. G, who has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property, from the above said respective owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, JDA, Agreement to Sell, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at theiroffice at **No. 276, Ground Floor, 12th Main, 5th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560 102, within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing vacant Site No. 1289, Block-5, LIG, Sooryanagar 3rd phase, in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board, situated at Jigala Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West 12.00 Mtrs and North to South 9.00 Mtrs, total measuring 108 Sq. Mtrs, Form No. 9 & 11, bearing PID No.150200100200221038, Property No.1289/B5 LIG, issued by the BidaraguppeGrama Panchayath, Anekal Block, Bangalore District and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Site No. 1254/B5 LIG,North by : Site No. 1290/B5 LIG, South by : Site No. 1288/B5 LIG. Dated this Sixth day of December, 2023, at Bangalore

GEO GEORGE C, Advocate,
No. 276, Ground Floor, 12th Main, 5th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102, M : 9844092992.

Place : Bangalore.
Date: 06-12-2023

Tel. 06766-258301(O)
email: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR
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eProcurement Notice for Road & Bridge Works under DMF Identification No. Road & Bridge Online NCB No. 402
No. 4412 / Date: 04.12.2023

1. Name of the work :- **Construction of Bridge Works under DMF in the District of Keonjhar.**
2. No. of work :- **04** (Four) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost :- As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) :- As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion :- As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Idetification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E., R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	Road & Bridge Online NCB No.402	Dt.07.12.23 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.16.12.23 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.15.12.23 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.18.12.23 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

• Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.

O-1717 OIPR-25177/11/0040/2324

Honest reckoning

Major world economies seem unwilling to move away from fossil fuel

The boundary wall enclosing discussions around global climate is 1.5°C, or the average increase in global temperatures since pre-industrial times. Now that 1°C is crossed, all the wrangling under way at the climate summit in Dubai is to cap the half-degree rise. Global pledges to cut emissions are insufficient to achieve this. Current estimates are that to limit warming to 1.5°C, the world requires three times more renewable energy capacity by 2030, or at least 11,000 GW. That there is wide global consensus on the need for this tripling was first formally articulated in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration at the G-20 summit in Delhi in September. In the run-up to the Dubai summit, it was perceived that this would be widely endorsed by the larger group of about 190 countries signatory to the UN convention on climate. It turns out that, so far, 118 countries have endorsed the pledge and two major countries, i.e., India and China, have so far abstained from signing. The Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge, while still a draft text, says that in their pursuit of tripling renewable energy capacity, signatories should also commit to "...phase down of unabated coal power, in particular ending the continued investment in unabated new coal-fired power plants". This is a major red line for India.

While India has positioned itself as a champion for renewable energy – its 2030 targets as articulated in its formal, nationally determined contributions (NDC) speak of tripling renewable energy capacity to 500 GW from the current 170 GW – it has reiterated several times that it could not be forced to give up certain fuels. Coal-fired plants are responsible for nearly 70% of India's greenhouse gas emissions. Developed countries that have made commitments to give up coal often have other large, fossil-fuel resources as back-up. The United States joined 56 other countries at Dubai in a commitment to completely eschew coal for its energy use, by 2035. However the U.S. only draws about 20% of its energy from coal and at least 55% from oil and gas, with plans to actually produce more of it in 2030 than at present. The paradox of the world's major economies' commitment to renewable energy is that it is not, as of now, actively geared to replace fossil fuel. Till there is an honest commitment to actually replace existing and future fossil capacity with clean energy, pledges and declarations are worth little more than the paper they are drafted on.

Shared blame

Cyclone Michaung alone was not responsible for Chennai's troubles

Apportioning blame for calamity after a natural disaster is almost impossible, but Indian cities have often tried to ease this decision, and Chennai on December 4 was no exception. Late on December 3, rains began to pummel Chennai as Cyclone Michaung, soon to intensify into a super-cyclonic storm, parked itself roughly 100 km east of the city. By the next morning, most areas had recorded more than 120 mm of rain, with a few recording more than 250 mm. The figures represent a breathtaking volume of water to be delivered in a single day – and which Tamil Nadu Minister for Municipal Administration K.N. Nehru echoed when he said the city had not received as much rain in seven decades. But that is not the full story. The narratives built around disasters influence the responses to them, and proclamations that attribute a singularity to a natural calamity often feed an unfair line of reasoning in which nature shoulders all the blame. Just as the rain intensified over Chennai on December 4 morning, the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited shut off power in the city as a precaution, presumably to prevent loose cables from electrocuting pedestrians in dirty water. That such a precaution was required at all speaks volumes about the state of the power infrastructure. There are no quick fixes or short cuts in addressing years of inadequate investment in maintenance and repair. Several trees were toppled, water stagnated on almost all roads, overhead cables flew loose, and storm water drains were choked with plastic trash. Many trains were cancelled, the airport had to be closed, and there were reports of people being stranded at many locations. Yet, that 2023 was not 2015 redux is to the city's as well as to the storm's credit: the former because of the warnings and preparation, more resilient civilian infrastructure, and people's memories of 2015; the latter because it dumped less water than the 2015 torrent did in a single day.

The extent to which climate change 'boosted' Cyclone Michaung is for attribution science to say, although it would be naive to wait for any verdict other than that warmer seas are feeding stronger cyclones. But the city's ability to respond to such storms has been compromised by decades of unplanned construction, defiance of zoning, and some forms of public indiscipline, especially littering. Expecting the resulting problems to be resolved overnight, or even by a single government, is unreasonable, yet the progress needs to be much faster than it is at present, if only to preclude the need for drastic, even oxymoronic, measures such as cutting power supply to guarantee safety. Finally in Michaung's wake, Chennai can start by doing something it failed to in 2015: treating its sanitation workers – mostly Dalits and Adivasis – better.

An experimental political choice by the Mizo electorate

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The ninth Mizoram Assembly election results, 2023, mark both a continuity and a change in Mizoram's electoral politics. Like in the past, this election not only leveraged a multiparty electoral contest within the framework of what Balveer Arora in a different context calls the 'binodal' system but also ensured that the Mizo National Front (MNF) lost after a term in power. In other words, this system perpetuates a system of a 'revolving door' wherein an alternate party has come to power in every one or two-election cycle since 1987. The impressive win by the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), a regionalist party formed in 2017 and registered with the Election Commission of India barely four years ago – it won 27 seats and an over 37% vote share – is a spectacular improvement from its tally of eight seats and a 22% vote share in 2018. This marks a break from the past.

An interesting break from the past

Unlike in the past, where the binodal electoral contest was always between a national party and regionalist parties, this election pivoted around a contest between two rival regionalist parties, i.e., the ZPM and the MNF. The Congress was reduced to a status of a bit player and managed to get just one seat out of the 40 seats being contested. Yet, the Congress's ability to retain a 20.8% vote share suggests the fluid possibilities of a binodal electoral contest in the future. Again, unlike the past where Mizoram broadly follows the 'small State syndrome' where a similar party or a party in coalition with the party-in-power at the Centre is voted to power in a State because of its dependence on the Centre's financial largesse, this election defies this and marks an experimental political choice by Mizo electorates by ensuring the ZPM's victory. This presents an interesting electoral puzzle.

Under this rubric, the way the ZPM managed to penetrate and consolidate its electoral purchase across the State is remarkable given that Mizoram's electoral landscape is marked by a fairly stable party support-base. While the saliency of anti-incumbency against the MNF after being in power for a term is apparent, a key explanation to this is the emergence of a new opportunity structure opened by the diminished electoral appeal of the Congress. In this sense, Mizoram follows a similar pattern of electoral contests between regionalist parties that was set by Nagaland since 2013. The failure of the Congress to promote popular and charismatic leaders such as S.C. Jamir in Nagaland post the election in 2013, and Lal Thanhawla in Mizoram since this election have important bearings on its electoral purchase. The electoral space vacated by the Congress in Mizoram is apparent (it struggled to secure a seat and was in a distant second position in six constituencies). The only exception is the Thorang constituency where Zodintluanga Ralte, a Congress candidate, lost by a whisker of 62 votes against his MNF counterpart, R. Rohmingliana.

> The remarkable electoral success of the Zoram People's Movement highlights an undercurrent of electoral transformation in Mizoram

The ZPM's strategy

Against this backdrop, the ZPM successfully presents itself as a viable and attractive electoral alternative to the MNF for efficient and 'corruption-free' governance. By fielding a mixture of experienced, educated and star-packed candidates including Lalduhoma (a former decorated Indian Police Service officer who effectively used his proximity to the Gandhi family and central political leaders in the 1980s to broker peace in Mizoram), Jeje Lalpekhlua (national football player), Baryl Vanneihsangi (radio jockey and municipal councillor), and Vanlalsailova (gospel singer who eventually lost by 292 votes), the party could effectively send out the right political vibes to the electorate.

In a regionalist space where ethnicity, development and governance issues overlap across parties, the ZPM skilfully projected its commitment to promote the Zo nationalist cause and aspirations and wove these together with a vision of governance reform and development initiatives. Although Mr. Lalduhoma does not articulate Zo nationalism and aspirations with a rhetorical flourish like Mr. Zoramthanga, his stellar commitment and association with the Zo nationalist' cause under the banner of the Action for Peace Committee (1986), the Zoram Nationalist Party (Mizo National Front (Nationalist) since 1997), and now the ZPM, is seen by many as genuine and an invaluable asset – a reward and recognition for what is long overdue.

Apparently, the ZPM's promise for minimum support price for rural cash crops such as broom grass, chillis, ginger, and turmeric has also gained electoral traction as over 60% of the Mizo continue to rely on agricultural income. This becomes compelling especially in light of recent reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India exposing the inefficacy and irregularities in the rural development programme under the New Land Use Policy launched by the Congress (and replicated by the MNF without much success). These reports and the continued precarity of farmers' economy in rural Mizoram was effectively used by the ZPM to galvanise a groundswell of support for its pet development project aimed at alleviating poverty and raising rural income.

The ZPM's subtle political messaging to arraign the MNF for its alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party and the latter's failure to protect Christian minorities and Zo (Kuki-Zomi) people in Manipur since the outbreak of violence from May 3 seem to have worked in its favour. Indubitably, this has helped the ZPM in neutralising the MNF's attempt to electorally appropriate the protection and rehabilitation it extended to over 40,000 Chin refugees who fled from the February 2021 military *coup de etat* in Myanmar, and over 12,000 Zo (Kuki-Zomi) internally displaced persons from Manipur's violence since early May.

The Opposition cannot be taken for granted

The remarkable electoral success of the ZPM certainly presents an undercurrent of electoral transformation in Mizoram which simultaneously leverages continuity and a subtle yet definitive break with the past. Although the resounding loss of the MNF is apparent in the convincing defeat of Zoramthanga and Tawnluia, the topmost leaders, and the 10 seats it managed to secure, Mizoram's binodal electoral landscape is likely to remain fluid as the MNF continues to enjoy an over 35% vote share and manage a second place in 28 constituencies.

Given the considerable electoral support the Congress and the MNF enjoy in the State, the nature of the electoral contest will largely be a function of the ability of these parties to revive their organisation and inculcate popular leaders beyond Lal Thanhawla and Zoramthanga. Till then the jury is out if Mr. Lalduhoma, the incumbent Chief Minister, will successfully harness his previously rich experience to forge a new equation or tacit agreement with the BJP at the Centre in ways which help steer Mizoram as an autonomous 'corruption-free' State.

The Ambedkar touch in rethinking social justice policies

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Modern democracy is synonymous with both the values of social harmony and reforms that ensure dignity and self-respect to its participants, especially the historically deprived and socially marginalised people. Further, democratic institutions are mandated to engage with the worst-off social groups and ensure their substantive participation as a significant governing class in political affairs. The socially oppressed groups in India, especially Dalits, adored and celebrated such modern virtues because of their liberative potential and egalitarian goals. Babasaheb Ambedkar emerged as a torchbearer of liberal enlightened ideas and expected that post-colonial India would be distinct from the exploitative Brahmanical past and invite Dalits and other marginalised communities to be equal shareholders in the nation's economic and political development. Ironically, the modernist objectives have been partially achieved only today. With the ascent of neo-liberal economic development, the conventional support that Dalits and Adivasis have received from state institutions, has derailed.

A tokenistic presence

In current times, it is a norm to witness the domination of the social elites as powerful authorities, national leaders, business tycoons, and cultural influencers. The control and the hegemony of the conventional ruling class have been perpetuated without much disturbances, whereas the socially marginalised groups have only managed to have a tokenistic presence in the domain of power and privileges. Though various political regimes vouch to implement social justice policies, this has little impact in ensuring the significant participation of the worst-off social groups in the domain of power. B.R. Ambedkar's principles of social justice would reprimand the current realm of neo-liberal economy for its neglect of the concerns of Dalits and Adivasis and would direct the market to be more responsible towards the worst-off social groups. It would also direct the state to reduce the pitfalls and slippages now in social justice policies and make them more relevant in the present day.

> The leaders of the market economy should be educated to adopt welfarist measures for the worst-off social groups, in turn making them integral to economic development

Ambedkar becomes crucial in such a discourse because his approach allows us to diagnose illnesses in the social and economic order. He offers ethical corrective measures to make institutions more democratic, representative and closer to the claims and the desires of marginalised social groups. Though the mechanism of social justice is not radical and transformative (unlike the Marxist model), it provides moral sensibilities to institutions and makes it responsible towards the diverse population.

It is well-documented that the neo-liberal market is alien to such ethical values and overtly celebrates the exclusive control of few corporate bodies and businessmen over capitalist development. Such a distancing of the market from social responsibilities, especially its neglect towards the aspirations and the demands of Dalits and Adivasis has made the market enterprise more exploitative and closer to a crony capitalist mode. This version of the market economy needs reforms.

Reimagine the new order

It is an appropriate time to imagine how the worst-off social groups can become an integral and substantive part of the new economic order, reducing their perpetual subjugation as a passive exploited class. It is required that the new social justice policies be expanded to the private economy, with a focus to democratise the working classes and to reduce poverty. A substantive integration of social justice policies in directing the prospects of the market economy would integrate Dalits and Adivasis as a part of the working classes and also elevate their stature as influential upholders of capitalist assets.

Adivasi concerns to protect their habitats, ecological order and cultural autonomy must be addressed, while endorsing the fact about the market economy's inevitability. Therefore, it is necessary that the current phase of economic development, technological innovations and the expansion of the market economy should also be directed toward making Dalit and Adivasi groups as influential arbitrators in the neo-liberal discourse. Newer conditions and reparation policies should be adopted to fight the historical wrongs and social discrimination against these groups, ensuring their equitable participation in the diverse spheres of economic development.

The new framework of social justice must ensure that an impressive class among Dalits and Adivasis emerges as the leaders, business entrepreneurs and influencers in the economic sphere. Such a prospect would allow policymakers to look beyond the conventional social justice policies that often address Dalit-Adivasi groups as the passive recipient of the state's welfare packages.

Further, Dalits and Adivasis should not be identified only as the poor and migrant working class that is dependent upon the benevolence of corporate social responsibility for their livelihood. Instead, these groups should be advanced as the essential components of urbanisation, industrial production and technological innovations. More affirmative action policies are required to democratise the niche sphere of big businesses so that the Dalit-Adivasi class should also emerge as industrialists, market leaders and crucial influencers in the global economy.

The state deviates from its responsibilities

Ambedkar looked upon the modern state as the key transformative force for the emancipation of Dalits and Adivasis. However, in the neo-liberal realm, the state has been converted as the passive associate of big business that readily deviates from its social responsibilities and welfarist values. The new agenda of social justice should be oriented towards the leaders of the market economy, educating to adopt welfarist measures for the worst-off social groups, and making them integral to economic development. Ambedkar's version of social justice would help us to redefine capitalism as a pluralist and cooperative mode of economic order that guarantees the substantive participation of Dalits and Adivasis in the market economy and in the associated institutions of power and privileges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Michaung's impact

Cyclone Michaung has caused havoc in Tamil Nadu and parts of Andhra Pradesh. The vagaries of weather and nature are certainly beyond human control. But what is appalling is that lessons are still not learnt from previous experiences. The ordeal continues with disturbing regularity. The lack of preparedness despite alerts through advanced technologies is disappointing.

Civic amenities are found inadequate, and drainage and sewerage systems are extremely poor and never given the priority they need. One spell of heavy rain is enough to bring life to a standstill. The major metro cities that boast of development are quick to collapse. The first major casualty is disruption of electricity and with it follows the darkness in every aspect. If a city cannot hold itself together against spells of heavy rain, one can imagine the plight of towns and villages.

Unless there are concrete steps in place, citizens will continue to struggle.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

What is the point in declaring that essential services such as milk supply and medical shops, will function during the cyclone when the services of the national telecommunication service provider have gone kaput? One cannot even call an ambulance; neither can one get a life-saving drug from a medical shop over the phone. When Chennai could not withstand the onslaught of a mild to moderate cyclone, what will happen to the city if strong tornadoes, hurricanes and typhoons strike? Chennai will be off the map, one supposes. Communication breakdown is more calamitous than any other cataclysm.

K. Pradeep,
Chennai

The grievance of continuing power cuts ever since the rains set in and after the passing of the cyclone needs to be addressed in the long term. When the basics of people's needs are not met, it shows an incapacity to deliver in a crucial moment.

A.P. Thiruvadi,
Chennai

History repeats itself! The Greater Chennai Corporation, like its sister corporations in the country, appears to have failed the city. It is unfortunate that Chennai being a foremost metropolitan city had to come to a grinding halt. Are there no solutions? Or are authorities incompetent?

Vivian Anthony Das,
Bengaluru

Though it is a natural calamity, environmentalists have called it a man-made disaster. A reckless assault on nature is definitely a key reason. The State administration should ensure the integrity of water bodies.

Nagarajamani M.V.,
Hyderabad

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Why the Congress lost Rajasthan

Despite their satisfaction with the Gehlot government, voters expressed negative sentiments on key issues. Also, Congress failed to forge an alliance with sub-regional parties

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It is said that Rajasthan has a political history of picking alternate parties. This revolving door trend continued with the victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Despite a high degree of satisfaction with the Congress government, and Ashok Gehlot being the most preferred Chief Minister, the government lost the mandate on account of certain key factors.

When asked whether corruption had increased in the last five years in the State, 57% said 'yes'. On asked how important the corruption factor was while deciding their vote, two-thirds said that it was important. Close to two-thirds of the respondents (64%) were upset about the price rise in the State. A majority of the respondents felt that 'paper leak' was a 'very important' factor for them in deciding who to vote for. Seven of every 10 respondents said that rising crimes against women was a matter of concern. This possibly explains why the BJP secured more support from women than the Congress (4 percentage points more).

The way in which the election campaign panned out in the State also appears to have made a difference. A little over one-fourth of the respondents said that they decided who they would vote for before the start of the campaign; of them, more than half voted for the BJP. Nearly two out of every 10 voters decided their voting choice after the candidates were declared; of them, more than 44% supported the BJP. As the election campaign picked up, support for the BJP kept increasing. The last-minute surge of support for the Congress could not compensate for the damage already done.

The election seemed to have been converted into a Narendra Modi versus Ashok Gehlot contest. Close to one-thirds of the BJP voters said that the Modi factor had influenced their vote choice. In the case of the Congress, Mr. Gehlot was a factor for more than one-fourth of the vote; the central leadership of the party had a limited impact. The Bharat Jodo Yatra and the issue of a caste census could not enthuse the voters.

The voting along clear party lines was evident from another trend. Two-thirds (67%) of those who said that they were fully satisfied with the Gehlot government voted for the Congress. Similarly, close to two-thirds (62%) who were fully satisfied with the Central government voted for the BJP. Three-fourths of those who were fully dissatisfied with the Congress government in the State voted for the BJP. Similarly, three-fourths of those dissatisfied with the Central government voted for the Congress.

While the vote shares of both the BJP and the Congress increased (2.84% and 0.23% respectively), this led to a disproportionate change in the share of seats. The Congress tally reduced by 30 and the BJP's rose by 42 (Table 1).

Regarding regions, the BJP swept the Marwar (Jodhpur division), Mewar (Udaipur division), and Merwara (Ajmer division) regions, securing 59 of the 81 seats. The Congress salvaged some pride in the Dhundhar (Jaipur division), Baggad and Shekhawati belt (Bikaner division), and the Matsya region (Bharatpur division). But in the Haroti region, the BJP gained a massive lead over the Congress in both votes and seats. However, the gap between seats and votes was evident in most of the regions.

An important reason for the defeat of the Congress was its stubborn refusal to forge an alliance or share seats with sub-regional parties such as the Bharat Adivasi Party in the south, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in the north, and the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party-Azad Samaj Party combine in the western and eastern parts of the State. Apart from the fact that some of these parties are partners in the INDIA combine, they also saved the Gehlot government on a number of occasions in the last five years (Table 2).

While support for the Congress increased among older voters, the highest support for the BJP came from those aged below 25 (Table 3).

More than half of those who had the benefit of higher education voted for the BJP – nearly double of what the Congress secured. Welfare schemes helped the Congress only marginally. The Congress did better in urban areas than rural. There was a visible rich-poor divide: close to half the rich (48%) voted for the BJP while 45% of the poor endorsed the claims of the Congress. The BJP was ahead of the Congress in all the caste groups save the Dalits. The Congress did exceptionally well in garnering the Muslim vote (Table 4).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves to supporters during a roadshow for the Rajasthan Assembly elections, in Jaipur. ANI

Table 1: How different parties performed in Rajasthan Assembly election 2023

Party	Seats won in 2023	Seats change over 2018	Vote (%) in 2023	Vote (%) change over 2018
Congress	**69**	**-30**	**39.53**	**0.23**
BJP	115	42	41.69	2.84
BSP	2	-4	1.82	-2.22
Others	13	-8	16.96	-0.85

Source: ECI data compiled by Lokniti-CSDS data unit.

Table 2: Region-wise performance

Regions	Total Seats	Congress		BJP		BSP	
		Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)
North	38	21	39.85	15	39.19	1	2.23
West	43	11	39.64	27	41.17	0	1.05
Central	36	11	41.65	25	45.71	0	0.91
Matsya	30	13	40.49	14	39.87	1	5.55
South	35	7	34.92	23	40.18	0	0.78
Haroti	17	6	42.36	11	46.57	0	0.77

Note: Rest voted for other parties.
Source: ECI data compiled by Lokniti-CSDS data unit.

Table 3: Vote by socio-economic background (%)

	Party voted for...	
	Congress	BJP
Up to 25 years	35	40
56 years and above	43	45
Non-literate	43	44
Graduate and above	26	50
Rural	37	41
Urban	48	43
Poor	45	36
Rich	34	48

Note: Rest voted for other parties.

Table 4: Vote by caste (%)

	Party voted for...	
	Congress	BJP
Upper caste	32	61
OBC	33	45
Dalit	48	33
Adivasi	35	30
Muslims	90	5
Others	23	40

Note: Rest voted for other parties.

The BJP's broad social coalition

Suhas Palshikar

Although two in every three respondents in the Lokniti survey agreed that the Gehlot government had taken care of their caste/community, actual voting patterns tell a slightly different story.

The BJP managed to weave a broad social coalition excluding the Muslims. But this coalition was steered mainly by the upper castes. The vote share for the BJP among Brahmins, for example, increased from about 39% in 2018 to 71%. The party's vote share among the Rajputs too increased this time. It is no wonder that among BJP supporters, one in every three is Brahmin, Rajput, or from another upper caste. This is not to say that the success of the BJP owes exclusively to the upper castes; it is the combination of upper and backward castes that helped the BJP unseat the Congress government. One-third of Jats and half of other OBCs supported the BJP – an improvement over 2018. The BJP's 'Hindu umbrella' was completed with three of every 10 voters among the SCs and STs too voting for it.

In contrast, 90% of the vote share of the Muslim community (9%), half the SCs, and more than one-third of STs voted the Congress. These sections account for almost half the party's voters in the State. Also, the OBC vote of the Congress has not shrunk in five years. The party barely got one-fifth of the Jat vote. Jats and STs particularly seem to have supported new smaller players.

'Satisfied with State government, but more so with Central government'

Vibha Attri & Rahul Weston

The BJP's victory provides an opportunity to evaluate the electoral outcome through the lens of the incumbent government's performance. Data from the Lokniti-CSDS post-poll study has been evaluated to gauge voter opinions on the performance of the State government.

Voter satisfaction

Notably, seven of every 10 respondents (69%) expressed satisfaction with the Congress government. Of them, four of every 10 (42%) expressed full satisfaction and close to three of every 10 (27%) expressed partial satisfaction (Table 1). Further analysis shows that while Ashok Gehlot's State government received positive ratings, the work done by the Narendra Modi government at the Centre outshone it.

Four-fifths of voters were satisfied with the work done by the Central government (51% were fully satisfied and 29% were somewhat satisfied). Satisfaction in terms of a net of extremes (fully satisfied minus fully dissatisfied) stood at a comfortable 28% for the State government and 45% for the Central government. Overall, voters rated both the State and Central governments' performances positively, as a greater proportion of voters was satisfied rather than dissatisfied. But the degree of satisfaction was greater with the Central government compared to the State government.

Despite a high level of satisfaction with the Congress government, there was discontent in specific areas. More than three-fifths of the electorate mentioned price rise over the past five years, and almost two-fifths highlighted an increase in unemployment (Table 2). Moreover, these economic issues also featured in the answers to a separate question probing the aspects of the Gehlot government that voters found least favourable. Close to two of every 10 (18%) respondents pointed to the perceived surge in prices, while one-sixth (16%) conveyed their dissatisfaction with the prevailing rate of unemployment. One-seventh (14%) of respondents specified corruption as the worst aspect of the government.

Interestingly, in the evaluation of the Gehlot government's best areas of work, again the economy figured prominently in voters' answers: reduced unemployment was the top-rated aspect, followed by efforts for the benefit of the poor, and the welfare programmes initiated by the government (Table 3).

Complex interplay

This intricate interplay of satisfaction levels and the perceived performance of both the State and Central governments provides an insight into the complex dynamics influencing voters' choices. Despite favourable opinions about the Congress's performance, the BJP managed to secure a substantial portion of votes from those satisfied with the State government. Almost half (49%) of those who were somewhat satisfied with the State government opted for the BJP in these elections. Even among those who were fully satisfied with the Congress government, one-fifth voted the BJP (Table 4).

This could give the impression that voters might be influenced principally by the performance of the Central government. But this is not the case. Interestingly, among those who were somewhat satisfied with the BJP at the Centre, only one in five voted for the BJP in the State, while over half voted the Congress. Even among those fully satisfied with the Central government, more than a quarter voted for the Congress (Table 4).

The data indicate that voters might have considered various factors such as party loyalty, caste, identity, and local issues when casting their vote. The tradition of changing the incumbent government every five years may be influenced by these diverse factors, not just the incumbent's performance.

Table 1: Performance ratings

	Fully satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Fully dissatisfied
Work done by Ashok Gehlot's Congress government in Rajasthan	42	27	14	14
Work done by Narendra Modi-led Central government	51	29	11	6

Note: All figures are percentages. Rest did not respond.
Question asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work of Gehlot's Congress government in Rajasthan over the last five years? / Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the BJP/NDA-led government at the Centre during the last four years?

Table 2: Overall positive rating, but discontent on specific issues (%)

In the last five years have these things	Increased	Same as before	Decreased
Price rise	64	11	20
Establishment of new industries	37	19	30
Unemployment	38	18	32

Note: All figures are percentages. Rest did not respond.
Question asked: During the last five years have these increased or decreased in Rajasthan

Table 3: Citizen's choice

One work done by Ashok Gehlot's government which you liked the most?	(%)
Reduced unemployment	13
Worked for the benefit of the poor	11
Development of the State	11
Welfare programmes started by the government	8
Reduced prices	8
Improvement in health services	7
Reduced power cuts	3
Improvement in education sector	3
Solved the problem of availability of drinking water	3
Other issues not mentioned above	15

Note: Rest did not respond. **Question asked:** What is the one work done by Ashok Gehlot's government which you liked the most?

Table 4: Satisfaction with government and voting intention

	Party voted for in 2023	
	Congress	BJP
Satisfaction with performance of State government		
Fully satisfied	67	20
Somewhat satisfied	27	49
Somewhat dissatisfied	16	60
Fully dissatisfied	4	75
Satisfaction with performance of Central government		
Fully satisfied	26	62
Somewhat satisfied	53	21
Somewhat dissatisfied	46	23
Fully dissatisfied	74	10

Note: All figures are percentages. Rest did not respond.

People from the Kaman Vidhan Sabha Rajasthan protest against Congress Kaman MLA and Fielding Minister Zahida Khan over corruption allegations, at AICC, in New Delhi. ANI

Corruption weighed heavily on Congress

Table 1: State of corruption

In the last five years corruption has...	(%)
Increased	57
Same as before	11
Decreased	25

Note: Rest did not respond
Question asked: During the last five years, has corruption increased or decreased in Rajasthan?

Table 2: Advantage BJP

How important were these issues for voters?	Very important	Vote choice (%)		
		Congress	BJP	Others
Paper leak	51	29	50	21
Corruption	47	25	53	21

Note: Only the figures for very important have been given.
Question asked: How important was the issue of paper leaks for you while voting – very important, somewhat important, not much, or not at all??

Jyoti Mishra & Avika Singh

Nearly three in five voters believed that corruption in Rajasthan has increased over the last five years

The issue of corruption has cast a long shadow over the political landscape of Rajasthan, significantly impacting public sentiment and influencing the electoral choices of voters.

Findings from the Lokniti-CSDS study show that nearly three in five (57%) of voters believed that corruption in Rajasthan has increased over the last five years, while only one in every 10 (11% believed that it has remained the same, hinting towards its persistent presence in the minds of voters) (Table 1). When voters were asked about their discontent with the work done by the Ashok Gehlot government, interestingly, the increase in corruption was ranked as the third most disliked aspect of his governance: 14% expressed dissatisfaction over this following inflation (18%) and unemployment (16%).

In fact, nearly half the voters in Rajasthan also acknowledged that the issues of paper leaks (51%) and corruption (47%) greatly affected their voting decisions. This discontent seems to have impacted the voting pattern. Among those for whom these issues played a vital role in determining their vote choice, over half voted for the BJP, while the rest equally split their vote between the Congress and other parties (Table 2).

In short, the issue of corruption has undeniably weighed heavily on the Congress in Rajasthan. The public's perception of a deteriorating situation, coupled with the electoral significance of corruption as a key voter concern, has had a tangible impact on the electoral outcome.

Reach and impact of election campaigns in Rajasthan

Out of the third of Rajasthan voters who made last-minute decisions, half chose the Congress; a quarter of BJP voters would have made a different choice if the Prime Minister had not been his party's main face; fewer than one in five voters made their voting choice after getting to know about the competing candidates, while 11% made their decision during the course of the election campaign

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In the Assembly election, 37% of voters in Rajasthan decided whom they would vote for at the last minute, according to responses to the Lokniti-CSDS survey in the State to understand voting behaviour.

Close to half (48%) of the last-minute deciders voted for the Congress. Without their decisions in the final moments before voting, the party's final tally could have gone down even further. The BJP got a relatively lower share of votes (35%) from this group (Table 1).

The survey also found that fewer than one in five voters (18%) made their voting choice after getting to know about the competing candidates. On the other hand, 11% made their decision during the course of the election campaign. This once again reiterates the importance of electoral campaigns for swaying a significant section of voters.

High reach, low impact

In Rajasthan, among the ways that the major political parties tried to reach out to voters was by calling them on phone, through SMS, and through other Internet-based messaging platforms like WhatsApp.

While the Congress managed to reach two-thirds (67%) of the voters using this mode, two out of five of this group (42%) voted for the BJP. In contrast, the BJP's campaign calls and messages reached a little over half the voters (56%), of whom almost half (47%) voted for the BJP (Table 2).

Using door-to-door campaigning, the Congress managed to visit a higher number of voters (69%) compared with the BJP. However, those visited by the Congress tended to split their votes almost equally between the Congress and the BJP. In contrast, among those visited by the BJP, 45% also voted for the party, while 39% voted for the Congress.

One of the major features of the Congress's campaign in Rajasthan was its Seven Guarantees Yatra. It had a satisfactory reach as more than half (54%) of the voters were aware of it (Table 3). Among these, 47% voted for the Congress, while 35% sided with the BJP.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot being greeted by supporters during a public meeting in Jodhpur district. PTI

Finally, campaigns also provide a platform for star leaders to demonstrate their charisma in a bid to attract voters towards their respective parties.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi was one of those who led the charge for the Congress. His participation in the campaign influenced the vote choice of more than one out of five voters (22%). Among Congress voters, one-third were influenced by his campaign (32%) (Table 4).

The BJP's campaign was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Close to two-thirds (62%) of those who voted for the BJP would have continued to do so irrespective of whether Mr. Modi campaigned or not. (Table 5). What is, however, crucial to note is that almost a quarter (24%) of the BJP voters would have chosen another party had the PM not been the face of the party's campaign.

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Table 1: Congress secures vote of late deciders, preventing greater electoral setbacks

	Party voted for in Assembly election (%)	
	Congress	BJP
Last minute decider	48	35
During election campaign	31	37
After announcement of candidates	34	43
Early deciders	34	52

Note: Rest voted for other parties.
Question asked: Which party did you vote for in the Assembly election?

Table 2: While Congress outshines BJP in campaign outreach, conversion to vote percentage falls short (%)

	Approached by the following parties for vote through	Overall proportion approached by parties	Party voted for in 2023
Door-to-door campaigning		**Congress**	**BJP**
Congress	69	42	41
BJP	62	39	45
Phone calls, recorded messages, SMS or WhatsApp			
Congress	67	40	42
BJP	56	37	47

Note: Rest voted for other parties.
Question asked: During the election campaign, did any candidate or worker of the following parties come to your house asking for your vote?; During the campaign, did the following parties contact you through phone calls, recorded voice messages, SMS or WhatsApp?

Table 3: Awareness of Seven Guarantees Yatra of the Congress

	Overall (%)	Party voted for in Assembly election 2023 (%)	
		Congress	BJP
Aware	54	47	35
Not Aware	36	29	50

Note: Rest voted for other parties.
Question asked: Have you heard about the Seven Guarantees Yatra of the Congress party?

Table 4: The Rahul effect: campaign influence on Congress voters (%)

Did Rahul Gandhi's campaigning influence your vote choice	Influenced vote choice	Did not influence vote choice
Overall	22	56
Among Congress voters	32	48

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: Did Rahul Gandhi's campaigning influence your vote choice for the party in this Assembly election?

Table 5: 24% of BJP voters attribute their support to Modi's campaign (%)

If Narendra Modi was not the face of BJP's electoral campaign in Rajasthan	Would have voted for the same party	Would have voted for a different party
Overall	52	26
Among BJP voters	62	24

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: If Narendra Modi was not the face of BJP's electoral campaign in Rajasthan, would you have still voted for the party that you chose this time or there would have been a change in your voting choice?

Loyalty of farmers: a key factor in election

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Nirmanyu Chouhan

In Rajasthan, at least 62% of the workforce is employed in agriculture. Therefore, one of the main planks of both the Congress and the BJP's campaigns revolved around promises to farmers.

As per the Lokniti-CSDS survey's data in Table 1, more than a third of the farmers believed that their economic condition has improved in the past five years. However, almost half the farmers thought that there has been no change, with more than a tenth believing that it has deteriorated.

The data show that seven in 10 farmers who believe that their economic conditions have improved aligned with the Congress. Almost half of the farmers who believe that their economic conditions have deteriorated voted for the BJP.

Looking at the schemes of the Congress for farmers in particular (Table 2), close to 50% of the farmers benefited from the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and from the free electricity, up to 200 units, for agricultural use. However, of all those who benefited from these schemes, vote share for the Congress and the BJP is equal.

The Congress can take satisfaction from the fact that the agriculture-oriented schemes seem to have ensured that 41% of the farmers voted for it, as compared with the 38% who chose the BJP. This is in contrast to the pattern among non-farmers, of which 43% voted for the BJP, compared with the Congress's 38%. This shows that the BJP continues to have a stronghold over their traditional non-agricultural vote bank, while increasing their support among the agricultural community (Table 3).

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Table 1: Limited economic shifts for farmers in Rajasthan (%)

The economic condition of farmers has...	Farmers (%)
It has improved	35
It is the same as it was	48
It has deteriorated	13

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: Some people say that the economic condition of farmers has improved in the past five years, while others believe that their economic condition has deteriorated. What do you think?

Table 3: Vote choice of farmers (%)

	Party voted for in Assembly election 2023	
	Congress	BJP
Farmer	41	38
Non-farmer	38	43

Table 2: Agriculture-related schemes (%)

	Proportion of beneficiaries among farmers' household	Vote of beneficiaries	
		Congress	BJP
Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana	48	39	39
Krishi Upbhokta (free power up to 2,000 units)	47	42	38
Kisan Fasal Beema Yojana	41	41	36
Kamdhenu Pashu Beema Yojana (Insurance worth ₹40,000 for animals	30	44	36

Note: Rest voted for other parties.
Question asked: Have you or anyone in your family benefited from the following schemes of the government?

Did welfare measures make a mark on voters?

Devesh Kumar
Lalit Kumawat

The defeat of the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan in the Assembly election despite its many ambitious welfare measures has posed a question over the reach and effect of the schemes.

Almost six out of 10 voters (58%) reaped the benefits of the Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana, which offers free health cover of ₹25 lakh. This scheme witnessed broad outreach, particularly among the Scheduled Castes (69%), Muslims (62%), and those from the most vulnerable economic sections (61%). Another notable welfare initiative, the Indira Gandhi Shahri Rojgar Yojana, benefited one in four urban voters (26%), with Muslims (48%) and those from the underprivileged economic sections (45%) forming the majority of recipients.

The Indira Gandhi Cylinder Yojana, which subsidises the cost of LPG cylinders, proved beneficial for nearly two in three voters (63%). The largest proportion of beneficiaries included the Scheduled Tribes (71%), Muslims (65%), and those from the lower economic classes (69%). The scheme providing free electricity up to 100 units per household was made use of by almost four in five voters (78%). The primary beneficiaries were from the SC community (85%), from the rural areas, and from the lower economic classes (79% each) (Table 1).

However, only among the beneficiaries of the urban employment scheme and the gas cylinder scheme was the Congress able to secure a decent advantage over the BJP. (Table 2).

Regarding the Central government schemes, the data show that nearly half of the eligible voters (48%) reaped the benefits of the Ujjwala Yojana while the reach of the health scheme, Ayushman Bharat, was notably lower, with only about one in four voters (23%) reporting to having benefited from it (Table 3). Beneficiaries of both these schemes mainly belonged to the less privileged sections: the poor, rural populations, and SCs or STs.

It can be observed that the voters benefiting from the Union government's welfare schemes voted more for the BJP. In the case of beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana, 45% voted for the BJP and 36% voted for the Congress, while among the beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, the BJP maintained a five percentage point lead (Table 4).

Devesh Kumar is a researcher at Lokni-CSDS and Dr. Lalit Kumawat is the principal of M.A.G College, Fatehnagar, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Table 1: Beneficiaries of State schemes (%)

	Chiranjeevi Swasthya Beema Yojana (up to ₹25 lakh of healthcare is given free)	Indira Gandhi Shahri Rojgar Yojana (urban)	Indira Gas Cylinder Yojana	Free electricity for up to 100 units for household users
Benefited	58	26	63	78
SC	69	15	63	85
ST	59	30	71	64
Rural	59	-	65	79
Urban	55	26	59	73
Muslim	62	48	65	72
Poor	61	45	59	78
Lower	54	29	69	79

Question asked: Have you or any member of your family benefited from the following schemes of Central government?

Table 2: Vote choice of beneficiaries of State government's schemes (%)

		Voted for...	
	Benefited	Congress	BJP
Chiranjeevi Swasthya Beema Yojana	58	43	39
Indira Gandhi Shahri Rojgar Yojana (urban)	26	60	34
Indira Gas Cylinder Yojana	63	45	36
Free electricity for up to 100 units for household users	78	40	41

Question asked: Have you or any member of your family benefited from the following schemes of Rajasthan government?

Table 3: Beneficiaries of Central government schemes in Rajasthan (%)

Central government schemes	Ujjwala Yojana	Ayushman Bharat Yojana
Benefited	**48**	**23**
SC	47	21
ST	43	39
Rural	51	25
Urban	37	18
Muslim	28	23
Poor	40	21
Lower	55	25

Question asked:
Have you or any member of your family benefited from the following Central government schemes?

Table 4: Vote choice of beneficiaries of Central government's welfare schemes

		Voted for...	
	Benefited	Congress	BJP
Ujjwala Yojana	48	36	45
Ayushman Bharat Yojana	23	38	43

The role of the leadership factor in the Rajasthan verdict

Table 1: Ashok Gehlot leads CM preference, with Vasundhara Raje at distant second

CM choice	(%)
Ashok Gehlot (INC)	28
Vasundhara Raje (BJP)	14
Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (BJP)	10
Sachin Pilot (INC)	5
Dr. C.P. Joshi (INC)	3
C.P. Joshi (BJP)	3
Anyone from the BJP	11
Anyone from the Congress	6
Someone else	14

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: After the Assembly election results are out, who would you like to see as the next Chief Minister of Rajasthan?

Table 2: Ashok Gehlot emerges as a popular choice for Cong., while Vasundhara Raje faces challenges within BJP base (%)

CM choice	Ashok Gehlot (INC)	Vasundhara Raje (BJP)	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (BJP)	Sachin Pilot (INC)	Dr. C.P. Joshi (INC)
Overall	28	14	10	5	3
Among Congress voters	60	1	5	9	5
Among BJP voters	4	32	17	2	1

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: After the Assembly election results are out, who would you like to see as the next CM of Rajasthan?

Table 3: Modi effect: a deciding force for BJP voters along with party identification (%)

What did you give more consideration/ importance to — party or candidate?	Party	Candidate	CM Candidate	Narendra Modi	Rahul Gandhi
Overall	36	24	19	15	2
Congress voters	39	23	28	3	5
BJP voters	38	19	11	31	<1

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: While deciding who to vote for in the Assembly election, what was the most important consideration for you — party, local candidate or chief ministerial candidate of the party?

Table 4: Strategic move: Congress benefits by withholding Sachin Pilot as CM Face (%)

If Congress had announced Sachin Pilot as the chief ministerial face	Yes, it would have made a difference to voting	It wouldn't matter
Overall	34	51
Congress Voters	43	45

Note: Rest did not respond.
Question asked: If Congress had announced Sachin Pilot as the chief ministerial face, would it have made a difference to your voting decision?

From Page One

Cyclone Michaung makes landfall in A.P.

"The sea has come forward by about 100 to 110 metres under the impact of the tidal waves. Many thatched fishermen houses have been damaged. However, there are no casualties in the fishermen colonies as most of them have been evacuated to safer places well in advance," the officials said. "We have been experiencing heavy rain for the last three days. But the incessant rain and strong winds since Monday evening created panic among the villagers," said Mariyamma of the fishermen community.

"The police, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have been posted on the Suryalanka beach," said Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal. "We have shifted people residing in the thatched houses and huts in the nearby colonies," NDRF Commandant Zahid Khan told *The Hindu*.

The wind was so strong that the NDRF personnel on the Suryalanka beach had to rush to the shelter homes for a brief period.

"The severe cyclone is likely to move northwards, weaken into a cyclonic storm and thereafter into a deep depression and depression, and fizzle out in the next 48 hours," the APSDMA officials said. "As the intensity of rain picks up after the landfall, people living in the low-lying areas have been evacuated," the officials said.

Stocktake draft calls for phasing out fossil fuels

Jacob Koshy
DUBAI

For the first time, a key document being negotiated at the UN's annual climate summit has underlined the need for the world to do away with all fossil fuels, in its draft text. As the first week of negotiations at COP-28 nears an end, the latest version of the Global Stocktake (GST) includes a clause committing all signatories to "an orderly and just phase out of fossil fuels".

The summit's location in the United Arab Emirates, a petro state, and the COP leadership's own ties to oil have "influenced language" in the GST, said a person closely involved in negotiations.

In previous years, climate talks have generally circled around the need for the world to wean itself away from coal, but negotiations have generally ended in a stalemate.

However, with the science becoming more emphatic that any hope of keeping a global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius requires significant cut in emissions, and fossil fuel responsible for 80% of them, its mention in an early draft is significant.

The GST, the first of its kind since 2015, is expected to take stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement; assess the progress made towards its goals of preventing temperature increases from going beyond 2 degrees Celsius, preferably 1.5 degrees Celsius; and guide countries in updating their stated commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The GST is only one of many negotiation tracks. There are separate drafts expected, for instance, on finance and adaptation. After intensive discussions on each draft - expected to last at least until next Thursday - a final agreed 'declaration' or 'agreement' is expected to take shape.

'Glaciers shrank 1 m a year in a decade'

Jacob Koshy
DUBAI

The 2011-2020 decade, though warmest ever recorded in history, saw the lowest number of deaths from extreme events, said a report from the World Meteorological Organisation on Tuesday.

The decade from 2011-2020 was the warmest ever in history. While there has been a rise in economic losses from extreme weather and climate losses, this was the decade with the lowest number of deaths from extreme events, said a report from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) on Tuesday.

The agency attributed this to an improvement in the "early warning system" driven by improvements in forecasting and better disaster management. In India, for instance, improvements in forecasting cyclone formation and the time it took to reach land have led to greater preparedness and evacuation of those most at risk.

"The 2011-2020 decade was the first since 1950 when there was not a single short-term event with 10,000 deaths or more," says the report *The Global Climate 2011-2020: A Decade of Acceleration*.

The report also says that this was the first decade that the depleted ozone hole visibly showed recovery. Glaciers that were measured around the world thinned by approximately 1 metre per year on an average between 2011 and 2020. Greenland and Antarctica lost 38% more ice during the period than during the 2001-2010 period. The report also had a mention of the 2021 Uttarakhand rock-avalanche that was triggered from a breach in the Nanda Devi glacier in the Himalayas.

The report further underlined that human-caused climate change significantly increased the risks from extreme heat events. Heatwaves were responsible for the highest number of human casualties, while tropical cyclones caused the most economic damage.

Public and private climate finance almost doubled during the period. However, it needed to increase at least seven times by the end of this decade to achieve climate objectives, including keeping global temperature from rising by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

Sack Ministers who spoke on Sanatana Dharma, says BJP MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP MP G.V.L. Narasimha Rao on Tuesday raked up remarks made by Opposition leaders on Sanatana Dharma in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, seeking FIRs against them and their immediate dismissal.

Speaking during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Rao recalled the remarks made by Tamil Nadu Minister and DMK leader, Udayanidhi Stalin, who said that Sanatana Dharma was incompatible with the concept of social justice and should be "eliminated". He flagged comments made by DMK leader and T.N. Minister K. Ponmudi who said that the INDIA bloc was an alliance formed against Sanatana Dharma. Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge, he pointed out, supported Mr. Stalin's stand.

Mr. Rao asked, "Is this the agenda of INDIA and do they want to pursue such an anti-India agenda?" Amidst uproar from the Opposition Benches, who sought to correct him, Mr. Rao said that the Tamil Nadu government must sack the two Ministers and lodge FIR against them.

"This is a deliberate and malafide act intended to outrage religious sentiment," he said. He further said that the comments are unconstitutional since the Constitution gives rights to everyone to practice and propagate all religions.

How can country have two Constitutions, asks Shah

Opposition question introduction of Bills to amend J&K Reorganisation Act, which has been challenged in SC; ask why no elections have been held in the Valley, if normalcy has returned

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

There can only be "one flag, one head, and one Constitution" in the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday. He was speaking during a discussion on the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, which were taken up in the Lok Sabha.

Members of the Opposition questioned the introduction of the Bills as the primary Act they are meant to amend – the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, which removed the special status of the former State of J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution – has been challenged in the Supreme Court and a verdict is still awaited.

The Opposition MPs also asked why no elections have been held in J&K for the past decade, if normalcy has indeed returned in the Valley, as the government has claimed. The deplorable condition of electricity supply in J&K, which is witnessing power outages for more than 10 hours a day in a season of extreme cold weather, was also raised.

During the discussion, Trinamool Congress MP Sougata Roy said that the "one flag, one head, one constitution" slogan given by Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a political statement.

Raising questions: Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Parliament during the Winter Session, in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

Mr. Shah interjected: "How can this be a political statement? You have grown old. How can one country have two Prime Ministers? Two Constitutions or two flags? Whoever did it was wrong. [Prime Minister] Narendra Modi*ji* corrected the mistake. The whole country wanted this. We have been saying this since 1950, it is not merely a political slogan."

National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi said that the events of August 5, 2019 were being marketed as though J&K had been in a Stone Age until that date. "How can you bring amendments when the J&K Reorganisation Act is under judicial scrutiny? The judgment is pending in the Supreme Court," he said. "While you promise more autonomy to the Northeast States, you disempower J&K," he added, noting that no elections have been held in J&K for the past 10 years.

Pointing out that the foundation of the August 2019 decision had been laid in December 2018 when President's Rule was imposed in the erstwhile State, Congress MP Manish Tewari questioned the manner in which provision 1 and 2 of Article 3 of the Constitution were invoked. He asked how amendments could be made to a law whose constitutionality has been challenged in the Supreme Court, with the verdict still pending.

Mr. Shah objected, saying that the tradition of President's Rule was started by the Congress, noting that unless it was imposed, the State Budget could not be passed.

Mr. Tewari responded that Article 3 has nothing to do with the budget.

"If you were so confident about your decision, then why no elections in J&K in the past five-and-a-half years. I want to ask the Home Minister, when will elections be held in J&K? Is there a timeline? The Minister earlier said that J&K's Statehood will be restored. If normalcy has returned in J&K, why not restore Statehood," he said.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, the BJP MP from Ladakh, said, "I went to South Kashmir, people told me they are in no hurry for elections. Shops open till 11 p.m., movies are being shot there, schools do not shut even for a day. Why should elections be conducted at the cost of people's security?"

Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule, however, said that unemployment was at its peak in J&K, which is also reeling under electricity problems. "What magic has happened in J&K in the past four years that there is no electricity for more than 10 hours? If Srinagar is not getting power, what about interior places? Things are better, that doesn't mean they are okay. Terror attacks happened in September and November, where sons of the soil were killed," she said.

Bodies of 13 Manipur youth killed near border identified

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The bodies of 13 persons killed in a gunfight near Manipur's border with Myanmar on Monday have been identified following an autopsy in the State's capital Imphal.

Most of the deceased were from different parts of the Imphal Valley dominated by the Meitei community. At least two of them – one each from Torbung in the Churachandpur district and Moreh in Tengnoupal district – were staying in relief camps.

Many of them were teenagers, three of the youngest aged 16, a list of the deceased accessed by *The Hindu* said.

Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena chief shot dead

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena president Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi, who came into the limelight during the protests against the film *Padmavat* in 2017-18, was shot dead by three persons at his residence here on Tuesday.

One of the assailants was killed in a crossfire, and the others fled. Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph said they had sat with Mr. Gogamedi for some time before firing at him from a close range.

INDIA meet scaled down; top leaders to gather later

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

A day before a scheduled meeting of the INDIA parties, the Congress was forced to call off the planned gathering of top leaders, given that many of them, including Trinamool Congress president Mamata Banerjee, said that they would not be able to attend it at such short notice. The Wednesday meeting has now been refashioned as a "coordination meeting of parliamentary party leaders".

Gurdeep Sappal, Congress Working Committee member and coordinator of the Congress president's office, posted on X: "A coordination meeting of parliamentary party leaders of India Alliance will be at 6 p.m. on December 6th, 2023 at the residence of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. Thereafter a meeting of Party President/heads of the India Alliance will be scheduled in the third week of December at a date convenient to all."

Apart from Ms. Banerjee, DMK president and Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin also declined the invitation, citing the floods in the State.

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Notice No: 53293 / BDA Estt(P)1/2023 — Date : 04/12/2023

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Operation & Management PET CARE CENTRE, BHUBANESWAR

The **Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA)** is in the process of developing a **'PET CARE CENTRE'** with an objective to establish a secure and empathetic haven for animals, including strays, rescues and those who have suffered abuse. Here, they can not only flourish and revel their lives, but also find solace and recovery. The Pet Care Centre is being developed over 6.1 Acres of contiguous land with a built-up area of around 3597 Sq. Meters.

The BDA invites interested entities (Single or Consortium of maximum two entities) to submit their EOI for Operation & Management of the Centre. The experience and expertise sought from the bidding entity(ies) include pet management, healthcare, training as well as facilities management of large institutional infrastructure.

Interested firms are requested to submit their documents in the manner specified in the Notice for EOI, available at the BDA website (**https://www.bda.gov.in/**)

Identification Number of the **EOI: 53293/BDA**

The last date of submission **26 December 2023**

BDA reserves the right to cancel this invitation and / or invite fresh EOI / Bid / RFP with or without amendments to this invitation, without liability or any obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reason BDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- **Secretary, Bhubaneswar Development Authority.**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWSS DIVISION, KORAPUT
National Competitive Bidding Through E-Procurement
Tender Identification No.14/EE/ RWSS / KPT /2023-24/ 04.12.2023

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Koraput on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate Bids in **Double** cover (P1 contract) from the eligible class of experienced registered contractors through e-Tendering system for the Piped water supply works as detailed in DTCN. The bid should be submitted on-line in the website **www.tenderorissa.gov.in** separately for the works.

1.	Nature of Work	:	Rural Piped Water Supply Projects under Koraput District
2.	Estimated Cost	:	Varies from 129.11 Lakhs to 172.27 Lakhs
3.	Total Nos. of Works	:	2 Nos.
4.	Tender cost	:	Rs.10,000.00
5.	Class of Contractor	:	"B" & "A"
6.	Availability of Bid document in the web site	:	Dt.13.12.2023 at 17.00 hours to 22.12.2023 up to 17.00 hours
7.	Date of Seeking clarification	:	During the Office hours of 13.12.2023 to 22.12.2023
8.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt. 26.12.2023 at 11.00 AM

Further details can be seen in the bidding documents which is available in the e-procurement portal **https/www.tendersorissa.gov.in** . Subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

O-1719 — **Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Koraput.** OIPR-25034/11/0026/2324

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Department, K.H. Road
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 06 Dated: 05/12/2023

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** are invited for supply of the following Goods / Services / Equipments:

Tender Nos as per E-portal	Nomenclature of Items / Services / Equipment	Tender Value in crores (Approx)	Last date for submission of documents
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0054	Procurement of Aluminium Pop Rivets	0.14	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0055	Supply of Dissolved Acetylene Gas	0.50	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0056	Supply of Compressed Oxygen Gas, Carbon di oxide & Commercial Argon gas	0.30	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0057	Procurement of Envelops and Curing Bag	0.80	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0058	Procurement of Rubber Glazing with Inserts (EPDM Rubber)	1.25	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0059	**Supply, Installation & Commissioning of UPS on Turnkey Basis	1.40	05/01/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0060	**Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 24 volts 1.5 KVA Invertor on Turnkey Basis	0.12	05/01/2024
**Only Pre-qualified vendors as per GOK order no DPAR/113/ EGM/2020 Dated:9/10/2023 are eligible to participate.			
SHORT TERM			
KSRTC/2023-24/SE0536	Engaging an agency to provide Heavy Passenger Vehicle Drivers for depots of Mangalore, Puttur, Ramanagara and Chamarajanagara Divisions	28.00	18/12/2023
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0049	Procurement of M.S Angles and Flats	0.49	18/12/2023
KSRTC/2023-24/IND0053	Procurement of Synthetic Woolen Blankets & Linen Cloth	0.65	18/12/2023
Corrigendum			
Notification No 04 Dated: 06/09/2023-KSRTC/2023-24/IND0040- Procurement of MS Angles and Flats has been cancelled due to technical reasons.			

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only. **NOTE:-** Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell **(Phone. No. 080-2230960, 080–22234115)**. Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **Support@eprochelpdesk.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org, (contact: 7760990225, 7760990224)**

Sd/-,
CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES
(Tender Inviting Authority)

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For & on behalf of the President of India, the Sr. Head Purchase & Stores, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram invites Sealed Tender for the following :-

निविदा सं / Tender No.	8082-2023003977 01 **[दो भाग / TWO PART]**
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निविदा शुल्क / **Tender Fee**	रु. **560/-**
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U.S. official raises Pannun plot case, asks India to probe

Finer is one of a series of U.S. officials who have raised the case with their counterparts in Delhi since details of a plan to assassinate Sikhs for Justice leader Pannun in New York emerged

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Calling the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) case against an Indian national allegedly working at the behest of a government employee to target wanted Khalistani separatists a "lethal plot", a senior U.S. official visiting Delhi stressed the need for India to investigate and bring those involved to account, the White House said on Tuesday. U.S. Principal Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) Jonathan Finer is one of a series of American officials who have raised the case with their counterparts in Delhi since the details of a plan to assassinate Sikhs for Justice leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun in New York were reportedly recovered from communications between the Indian national, Nikhil Gupta, and a government official recruiting a hitman who later turned out to be an undercover officer of the U.S. FBI/DEA (Federal Bureau of Investigation/Drug Enforcement Administration).

Mr. Finer met with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and held delegation-level talks with his counterpart, Deputy National Security Adviser Vikram Misri.

Face to face: U.S. Principal Deputy NSA Jonathan Finer in a meeting with Vikram Misri and other officials in Delhi. ANI

White House statement

While the Ministry of External Affairs issued a readout on Monday, referring to talks on the India-U.S. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET), the White House readout on Tuesday morning included details of the conversations Mr. Finer had on the Israel-Hamas conflict, the hijacking of a cargo ship in the Red Sea, as well as the Pannun assassination case, where India has instituted a high-level inquiry to investigate the U.S. allegations.

"Mr. Finer acknowledged India's establishment of a Committee of Enquiry to investigate lethal plotting in the United States and the importance of holding accountable anyone found responsible," the U.S. White House statement said. The MEA did not react to requests for a response to the White House's statements.

The White House said Mr. Finer had held "in-depth discussions aimed at strengthening coordination and policy alignment across the Indo-Pacific, including the wider Indian Ocean region. They discussed West Asia, including the recent attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea and the importance of safeguarding freedom of commercial navigation, as well as plans for a post-conflict Gaza and a pathway toward a two-state solution."

Mr. Finer's visit to Delhi comes close on the heels of a number of high-level visits since June, a period that coincided with the U.S. federal agencies' investigation into the alleged plot against Pannun.

International news reports, which have not been denied, have suggested that the U.S. concerns over India's involvement in the plot have been conveyed at several levels since then, including by U.S. President Joseph Biden with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who met in Washington and Delhi; by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who has met Dr. Jaishankar four times the most recentlyfor the 2+2 dialogue; U.S. NSA Jake Sullivan with NSA Ajit Doval; and visits to Delhi by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and National Intelligence chiefs William Burns and Avril Haines, respectively.

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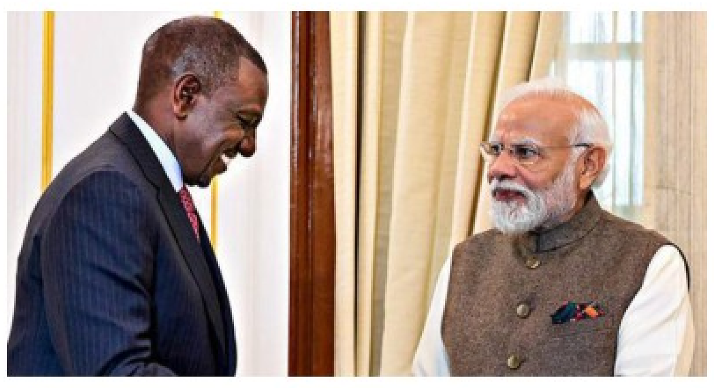

India provides $250 mn Line of Credit to Kenya

India on Tuesday extended a $250 million Line of Credit for modernisation of agriculture in Kenya. Announcing the initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said both sides will carry out joint military exercises and will collaborate on counter-terror projects. Welcoming the Indian initiatives, President William Samoei Ruto, described the Indian community of Kenya as a "bridge" between the two countries and said Indians residing in Kenya regard his country as their "first country". The agriculture Line of Credit, officials said will be used to advance projects that will be taken up subsequently.

Case against delays in judges' appointments missing

Petitions against delays by the government and its "pick-and-choose policy" in judicial appointments and transfers were not listed on Tuesday before Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul despite a specific direction from the Bench in the last hearing on November 20. The petition was orally mentioned by advocates Prashant Bhushan and Amit Pai, lawyers for the petitioner Advocates Association of Bengaluru, before the Bench of Justices Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia. However, Justice Kaul said he had not "deleted" the case from the day's list of cases. Mr. Bhushan remarked it was "very strange" the case did not find a place in the December 5 causelist despite a specific judicial order.

How did benefits for migrants impact Assam, asks SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

There is no material to indicate that the impact of benefits affected the cultural identity of the State

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Tuesday asked petitioners to show material that benefits given to cross-border migrants, who arrived in India between 1966 and 1971 just before the Bangladesh Liberation War, had led to a radical demographic change which impacted the Assamese cultural identity.

The Chief Justice is heading a Constitution Bench hearing a series of petitions challenging the constitutionality of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Section 6A was a special provision inserted into the 1955 Act in furtherance of a Memorandum of Settlement called the Assam Accord signed on August 15, 1985 by the Rajiv Gandhi government. Under Section 6A, foreigners who had entered Assam before January 1, 1966, and been "ordinarily resident" in the State, would have all the rights and obligations of Indian citizens.

Those who had entered the State between January 1, 1966 and March 25, 1971 would have the same rights and obligations, except that they would not be able to vote for 10 years.

"There is no material to indicate that the impact of granting certain benefits to people who came in between 1966 and 1971 was so great that the demographics or the cultural identity of the State was affected," Chief Justice Chandrachud told senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the petitioners.

The Constitution Bench also made it clear that its ambit was limited to examining the validity of Section 6A and not the Assam National Register of Citizens.

In the hearing, Mr. Divan asked why Assam alone, among the border States, was singled out to implement Section 6A. "This way an illegal can just infiltrate into Assam and settle there as a citizen. My land, my political and economic rights are taken away."

Chief Justice pointed out that migrants who entered India from 1966 to 1971 had no aspiration to citizenship. "They just came in".

Opposition questions Centre's 'inaction' on issues of unemployment, price rise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

During a short discussion in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday on the economic situation of the country, the Opposition members questioned the performance of the Union government in the economic, industrial, agricultural, and employment spheres. The BJP, in response, defended the Centre by claiming that the recent electoral victories the party had in three States were a stamp of approval for running the economy. It argued that the growth was visible on the ground.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, one of the main speakers of the Opposition, focused on the issue of unemployment. "Of the worker population, that is 46% of the total population, male workers are 69% but female is only 22%. Of the worker population, less than 50% actually work," he said, adding that what the Centre promotes is jobless growth.

P. Chidambaram

"This is more or less constant in the last nine and half years of the BJP government," he said, quoting the periodic labour force survey data by the government.

Price rise was another main point of attack of the Opposition. Mr. Chidambaram said people are consuming less, borrowing more and liquidating their household assets and savings; their net financial savings have also come down.

The statistics on inequality were also discussed. "The bottom 50% of the population own 3% of national wealth and gets 13% of the national income. While, the top 5% owns 60% of the national wealth and," he said.

Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress initiated a discussion on price rise. He said between 2014 to 2023, the price of rice has gone up by 56%, wheat by 59%, and milk by 61%.

BJD member Sujeet Kumar asked the government to increase the spending on education and YSRCP leader V. Vijayasai Reddy warned the Centre of the increasing trade deficit.

'Cash-for-kidney' scam: probe ordered against hospital

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Private group says the allegations are absolutely false, ill-informed, and misleading

The National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organisation (NOTTO) has initiated an inquiry into allegations of a cash-for-kidney scam against Indraprastha Apollo Hospital here, said sources in the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday. The State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) will start looking into the matter immediately, they said.

The inquiry has been ordered following a report by the U.K.-based newspaper *The Telegraph* that alleged that the hospital group had been involved in a racket enticing people from Myanmar to sell their organs for a profit.

The report said "young villagers from Myanmar are being flown to Apollo's prestigious Delhi hospital and paid to donate their kidneys to rich Burmese patients".

Meanwhile, Indraprastha Medical Corporation Ltd. (IMCL), in its statement on the report, said that the allegations made against it are absolutely false, ill-informed, and misleading. "All the facts were shared in detail with the concerned journalist," the statement said.

It added that the IMCL complied with every legal and ethical requirement for the transplant procedures including all guidelines laid down by the government.

Is unmarried women having children by surrogacy an 'accepted norm', asks SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned whether a single, unmarried woman having a child through surrogacy is an "accepted norm" in Indian society.

"A single woman bearing a child is an exception and not a rule in Indian society because our society says to have children within marriage. A single woman bearing a child is outside marriage... That is not the accepted norm of Indian society," Supreme Court judge B.V. Nagarathna orally observed.

The Bench, including Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, was hearing a petition filed by a 38-year-old single woman to become a mother through surrogacy.

The Surrogacy Act allows a widow, a divorcee between the ages of 35 and 45 to avail the benefit of surrogacy.

The petitioner, represented by senior advocate Saurabh Kirpal, said she was "heavily diabetic" and pregnancy would pose a grave risk to her. "Even an unmarried woman has the right to have a child," he said.

The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 allows a widow, a divorced woman between the ages of 35 and 45, or an infertile couple to get the benefit of surrogacy. Mr. Kirpal said the law only banned commercial surrogacy. The purpose of the petitioner was obviously not towards that end. Limiting the right to become a mother and discriminating against a woman on the basis of her status of marriage was discriminatory and violative of her fundamental rights.

Justice Nagarathna said Parliament had recognised the "potential" of a widow or a divorcee to have a child through surrogacy.

The petitioner's side argued that it was not their "misfortune" which led Parliament to allow divorcees and widows to have children through surrogacy. They argued that the exclusion of unmarried women boiled down to "patriarchal stigma" against them.

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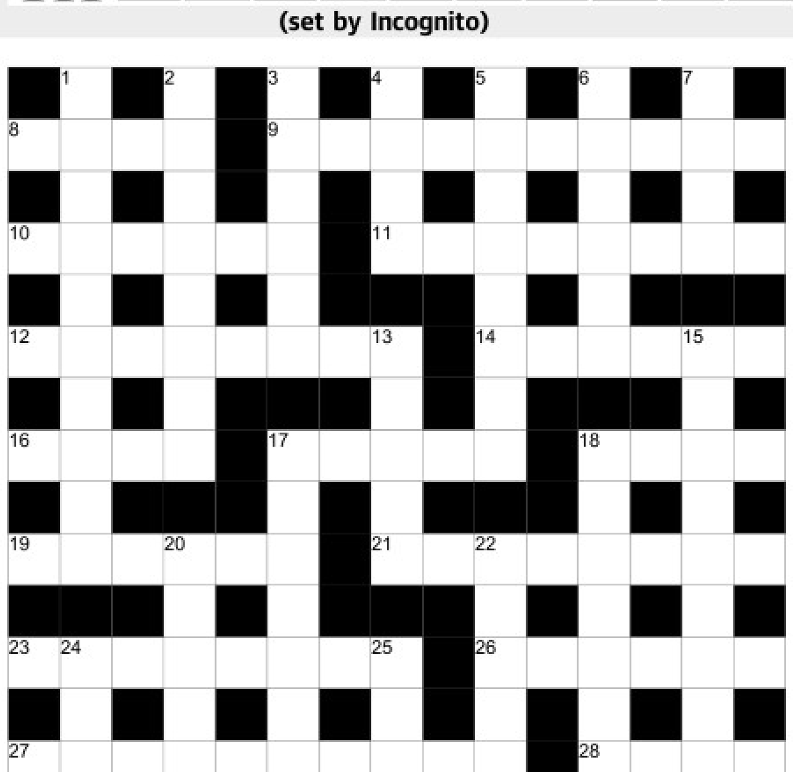

Across

8 Molten rock from volcano in Shangri-La valley (4)
9 Anglian run goes around circle in the wood (6,4)
10 Ancient city state at that time located amid the western boundaries of Aegean Sea (6)
11 Descent from perigee, turning around beginning of downfall (8)
12 Inflated invoice due (8)
14 After 5, inane to go about in Austrian province (6)
16 Game available in Honolulu dormitory (4)
17 Saint is safe (5)
18 Droop with love for starchy food (4)
19 Boy is at the front of winding line around last bunker in one time walled city in Europe (6)
21 Take away card from chambermaids working for wife of British official in India (8)
23 South African country's bird enters sailing boat (8)
26 Noise about tailless bull running around in capital (6)
27 In other words, Christian Era for advanced age, informally (4,6)
28 Flower is small and yellow at first (4)

Down

1 Let tsunami flow for final 60 seconds (4-6)
2 Extraordinarily alert in court and site of famous battle (8)
3 After fight, observed city in Poland (6)
4 Cut rejected pins (4)
5 Deliver Chinese port (4,4)
6 Prince gets fever in city (6)
7 Wager in Dantewada (4)
13 A particular piece of information: "Wrongly amputated after removing tape" (5)
15 Manipulate EEG billing to make it insignificant (10)
17 Military headquarters shifting to Penang? (8)
18 Steel bat bent into safety device (4,4)
20 Student is fine in French and Portuguese city (6)
22 Massachusetts Democrat gets free capital (6)
24 Admits. "Wrongly won by son" (4)
25 Strain at the heart of sectarianism (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

To merge with God

No human being is entirely good or totally bad. In order to enhance the goodness quotient and negate the bad one, one has to understand the three layers that a jiva is cloaked in, which needs to be shed, as it were, Sudha Seshayyan said in a discourse.

A comparative study of the siblings in the Ramayana and the Skanda Purana offers insight into the latent hero and anti-hero traits. Ravana comes through as completely bad, Vibhishana as a very virtuous sibling, while the middle brother Kumbhakarna tries to balance out the two. Similarly, in the Skanda Purana, Soorapadman is totally arrogant. His sibling Simhamukha fails to dissuade him from waging war on Lord Murugan. Tarakasura, the other, elephant-headed brother blindly uses his might and perishes. Lord Murugan sees through Soorapadman and splits him into two, from which a rooster and peacock emerge.

Why does Murugan take on the rooster as his flag and the peacock as his vehicle, becoming a garland as it were, signifying that he merged with Muruga? Every jiva has three layers. The innermost is the egoistic 'I', personified by Soorapadman. The second is karma, which is the net of one's sins and virtues. The topmost layer is maya, the external world to which a jiva belongs. For the jiva to merge with the Lord, all three layers should be shed by a devotee.

GENEVA

United Nations says 'not possible' to create 'safe zones' in Gaza

AFP

The United Nations warned on Tuesday that it was impossible to create safe zones for civilians to flee to inside the Gaza Strip. Israel had initially focused its offensive on the north of the territory, but the Army has now also dropped leaflets on parts of the south, telling Palestinian civilians there to flee to other areas. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. puts sanctions on extremist Israeli settlers over attacks

REUTERS

The U.S. said on Tuesday it would refuse visas for extremist Israeli settlers who attack Palestinians. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the U.S. would refuse entry to those involved in "undermining peace, security or stability in the West Bank" or who takes actions that "unduly restrict civilians' access to essential services." AFP

MOSCOW

Putin to discuss Gaza war during his trip to Saudi Arabia and UAE

AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin will make a one-day trip to the UAE and Saudi Arabia focused on the Israeli-Hamas war and host the Iranian president in Moscow this week, the Kremlin said Tuesday. Putin will make working visits to both countries on Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. AP

BATU PALANO

Death toll rises to 23 after eruption of Indonesia's Mount Marapi

REUTERS

Rescuers searching the hazardous slopes of Indonesia's Mount Marapi volcano found more bodies among the climbers caught by a surprise eruption two days ago, raising the number of confirmed and presumed dead to 23. Over 50 climbers were rescued after the eruption on Sunday, and 11 others were initially confirmed dead. AP

Israel strikes Khan Younis in a bloody new phase of war

Israel is intensifying its bombardment in and around Gaza's second-largest city; Palestinians say there are no areas where they feel safe; Israel wants to dismantle Hamas's military infrastructure

Associated Press
GAZA STRIP

Israel intensified its bombardment in and around Gaza's second-largest city early on Tuesday, sending ambulances and cars racing into a local hospital carrying people wounded in a bloody new phase of the war.

The Israel-Hamas war has killed at least 16,249 people in the Gaza Strip, the Hamas government media office said.

Wounded Palestinians are being taken to Nasser hospital in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday. REUTERS

Under the U.S. pressure to prevent further mass casualties, Israel says it is being more precise as it widens its offensive into southern Gaza after obliterating much of the north – but Palestinians say there are no areas where they feel safe, and many fear that if they leave their homes they will never be allowed to return.

At the Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, a car pulled up and a man emerged carrying a young boy in a bloody shirt, whose hand had been blown off.

Residents said troops had advanced following heavy airstrikes to Bani Suheila, a town east of Khan Younis. Halima Abdel-Rahman, who fled to the town earlier in the war from her home in the north, said, "They are very close. It's the same scenario we saw in the north."

Israel ordered the full-scale evacuation of northern Gaza in the early days of the war and has barred people who left from returning. In the south, it has ordered people out of nearly two dozen neighbourhoods in Khan Younis. That further reduced the area where civilians can seek refuge in Gaza by more than a quarter.

"Nowhere is safe in Gaza, and there is nowhere left to go," Lynn Hastings, the UN humanitarian coordinator for the Palestinian territories, said.

Israel says it must dismantle Hamas' extensive military infrastructure and remove it from power in order to prevent a repeat of the October 7 attack.

U.K. tightens immigration rules to curb record high migrant numbers

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.K. Home Secretary James Cleverly, on Monday, announced a significant tightening of the country's immigration policy, in an attempt to curb migration which has been at record highs. The new policies will impact Indian citizens, who constituted the largest group (2,53,000) of incoming migrants as per provisional figures for the year ending June 2023.

This week's measures would render some 3,00,000 would-be immigrants under the current rules, ineligible to move to the U.K. once the new policy kicks in, as per the Home Office. Net migration into the U.K. was at a record 7,45,000 in December 2022, pushing the government of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to announce further actions on migration as the country heads towards a general election. The policies announced include an increase in threshold salaries for skilled worker visas from £26,200 to £38,700 (except for the Health and Care visa route) starting next spring. The income requirement for certain family members of British citizens or those 'settled persons' (i.e., those with permanent residence for example) will also increase. An annual 'health surcharge' to support Britain's National Health Service (NHS), will increase from £624 to £1,035.

New policy: The rule will enable some 3 lakh immigrants ineligible to move to the U.K. REUTERS

A list of 'shortage occupations' would be reviewed and the 20% lower salary thresholds for employing foreign worker in this category would end.

International students – except those in postgraduate research courses – will not be able to bring dependents from January 2024. The Sunak government also announced a tightening of the health visa route.

The Home Office said that 1,01,000 healthcare visas were granted in the year ending September 2023, with an associated 1,20,000 dependent visas for these workers: health care visa migrants would no longer be allowed to bring dependents with them. "Immigration is too high," Mr. Sunak said, as he called for "radical action" to curb it.

"I am taking decisive action to halt the drastic rise in our work visa routes and crack down on those who seek to take advantage of our hospitality," Mr. Cleverly said. He travelled to Rwanda on Tuesday to finalize a new asylum treaty after the U.K.'s Supreme Court ruled that the old arrangement to send asylum seekers from the U.K. to Rwanda was unlawful.

Myanmar junta chief seeks political solution with rebels

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

Myanmar's junta chief has called on ethnic armed groups battling the military across the country to find a political solution, state media reported on Tuesday.

The junta is reeling from coordinated offensives near the borders with China, India and Thailand, in what analysts say is the biggest threat to its rule since it seized power in 2021.

General Min Aung Hlaing

Junta chief Min Aung Hlaing "warned that if armed organisations keep on being foolish, residents of the relevant regions will suffer bad impacts", according to the Global New Light of Myanmar. "So, it is necessary to consider the lives of the people, and those organisations need to solve their problems politically," he said.

Myanmar has more than a dozen ethnic minority armed groups, many of which hold territory in the country's border regions and have battled the military since independence from Britain in 1948.

In late October, three groups launched a joint offensive across northern Shan state, capturing towns and seizing vital trade hubs on China border. More than 250 civilians, including children, are feared to have died since the launch of the offensive in October, according to UN field reports.

Afghan Taliban must reform before full diplomatic ties: China

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China said on Tuesday Afghanistan's Taliban government will need to introduce political reforms, improve security and mend relations with its neighbours before receiving full diplomatic recognition. Beijing does not recognise Taliban rulers, although both countries host each others' Ambassadors and have maintained diplomatic engagement.

"China has always believed that Afghanistan should not be excluded from the international community," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on Tuesday when asked if China would now recognise the Taliban.

"We hope that Afghanistan will further respond to the expectations of the international community, build an open and inclusive political structure (and) implement moderate and stable domestic and foreign policies," he said.

Mr. Wang also said China urged Kabul to "resolutely combat all types of terrorist forces, live in harmony with all countries around the world, especially neighbouring countries, and integrate with the international community at an early date".

"As the concerns of all parties receive stronger responses, diplomatic recognition of the Afghan government will naturally follow," he said.

The Taliban government has not been officially recognised by any country since seizing power after the chaotic withdrawal of US troops in August 2021. However, Kabul and Beijing have maintained some ties.

At least 85 confirmed dead, 66 injured after 'mistaken' Army drone attack in Nigeria

Associated Press
ABUJA

At least 85 people have been confirmed dead after a "mistaken" Army drone attack on a religious gathering in northwest Nigeria, the authorities said. The President on Tuesday ordered a probe into the latest in a series of mistakes in Nigeria's conflict zones.

"Eighty five dead bodies have so far been buried while (a) search is still ongoing," Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said in a statement. At least 66 people were injured, the agency added.

Since 2017, some 400 civilians have been killed by airstrikes the military said were targeting armed groups in the deadly security crisis in the country's north, according to the Lagos-based SBM Intelligence security firm.

The victims were observing the Muslim holiday celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, Mawlid al-Nabi. They were killed on Sunday night by drones "targeting terrorists and bandits" in Kaduna state's Tudun Biri village, according to government officials.

"The incidence of miscalculated airstrikes is assuming a worrisome dimension in the country," said Atiku Abubakar, Nigeria's former Vice-President and the main opposition presidential candidate in this year's election.

Nigeria's military often conducts air raids as it fights the extremist violence and rebel attacks that have destabilised Nigeria's north for more than a decade, often leaving civilian casualties in its wake, including in January when dozens were killed in Nasarawa state and in December 2022 when dozens also died in Zamfara state.

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2. Tender Notice No.10/2023/Surgical/MW/TSMSIDC, Dt:-05.12.2023
3. Tender Notice No.11/2023/QC/MW/TSMSIDC, Dt:-05.12.2023

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T.No. 10:- Materials & Supplies (Surgical)
T.No.11: DCA and NABL approved accredited testing Laboratories situated in India for the purpose of empanelment of Laboratories for testing and analysis of the Medicines, Materials & Supplies (Surgical).
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KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER

Name of the Department: **Town Planning & Development Department.** Pre-tender meeting invited by: **OSD & Ex. Officio D.G. (TP&DD)/(TNP), S.S. Hogg Market, Top Floor, West Block, Ph-II, 19, Nellie Sengupta Sarani, Kolkata-700087.** Name of the work & Location: **Construction of Pathway along the bank of Tolly's Nullah from Gitanjali Metro Station to Usha Bridge by Concrete Paver Block including allied beautification work in connection with Pollution Abatement of Tolly's Nullah in Ward No. 100, BR-X, under KMC.** Estimated Amount: ₹ **1,14,95,517.00.** Date, time & Location of Pre-tender meeting: **12.12.2023 at 03.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Town Planning & Development Department, S.S. Hogg Market, Top Floor, West Block, Ph-II, 19, Nellie Sengupta Sarani, Kolkata-700087.**

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IN COMPANY PETITION NO. 82/1989

SALE NOTICE

Pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru dated 27.09.2023 passed in OLR.No.80/2023 in OLR No.10/2023 online competitive bids are hereby invited for sale of Movable assets mentioned below belonging to the above said company in liquidation on as is and where is and whatever there is basis through e-auction platform (**https://olauction.enivida.com/**) to be conducted by M/s. RailTel Corporation of India Limited scheduled on **22.12.2023 from 14.00 hours to 17.00 hours.**

Description of Property: -

Lot No.	Description and address of property	Upset Price	EMD	Date and Time of Inspection
1	Movable Assets: as a scrap material. Lying at the factory premises of M/s.Salarjung Sugar Mills Limited (in liqn) situated at Munirabad, Koppal Taluk & District. Karnataka	Rs. 3,75,00,000/-	Rs. 37,50,000/-	On 08.12.2023 from 11 am to 5 pm

The entire e-Auction catalogue containing Terms & Conditions of sale. The schedules for giving full particulars of events of e-auction, guidelines for online registration and full details of immovable assets/properties of the subject matter of sale are available on website of M/s. RailTel Corporation of India Limited website: **https://olauction.enivida.com/** and can be viewed by clicking on the following URL of : **https://olauction.enivida.com/** and the Official Liquidator's website: **www.olkarnataka.kar.nic.in.** Ministry's Website at www.mca.gov.in.

The intending bidders may contact **Ms. Sujatha, Sr. Manager** of M/s. RailTel Corporation of India Bengaluru on her **Mobile No.8448288989 / Sri Gagan Mob No. 8448288987** for clarifications if any on the e-auction procedure. For details about the property contact **Smt. Vaidehi M.G, Assistant in the office of the Official Liquidator on his Mobile No. 9480429463.**

Sd/- (C.V. SAJEEVAN)
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
CORPORATE BHAVAN", NO.26-27,
12TH FLOOR, RAHEJA TOWERS, M.G. ROAD,
BENGALURU-01. Tel No:080-25598671/72

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 04.12.2023

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A.P. MEDICAL SERVICES RECRUITMENT BOARD
3rd Floor, Phycare Building, Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.

NOTIFICATION NO.09/2023, DATED: 23-11-2023

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the post of **Civil Assistant Surgeon Specialists** (150 vacancies) under the control of Director of Secondary Health (APVVP) through Walk-in-Recruitment on Regular / Contract Basis. Eligibility criteria and detailed guidelines are available on the web site **https://hmfw.ap.gov.in** & **http://cfw.ap.nic.in** Interested candidates are requested to attend through Walk-in-Recruitment at O/o Director of Secondary Health (Formerly APVVP), H.No.77-2/G, Lakshmi Elite Building, Pathur Road, Tadepalli, Guntur Dist, A.P - 522 501.

Date	Specialists (Vacancies)
11-12-2023 (Monday) **10:00 AM** to **01:00 PM**	**1)** General Medicine (37), **2)** General Surgery (03), **3)** Dermatology (11), **4)** Forensic Medicine (02)
13-12-2023 (Wednesday) **10:00 AM** to **01:00 PM**	**1)** Gynaecology (12), **2)** Anaesthesia (15), **3)** ENT (07), **4)** Pathology (02)
15-12-2023 (Friday) **10:00 AM** to **01:00 PM**	**1)** Paediatrics (11), **2)** Orthopaedics (01), **3)** Ophthalmology (10), **4)** Radiology (38), **5)** Psychiatry (01)

Note: The number of vacancies shown now is provisional and it may increase or decrease as per the need of the hour.

Dated : 05.12.2023
DIPR 2513PP/CL, Dt: 05-12-2023

Sd/- MEMBER SECRETARY,
A.P.M.S.RECRUITMENT BOARD,
MANGALAGIRI

INBRIEF

Union Bank picks Accenture to build data lake platform

Union Bank of India has collaborated with Accenture to design and develop a scalable and secure enterprise data lake platform with advanced analytics and reporting capabilities. This would boost operational efficiency and enhance the ability to offer customer-centric banking services and manage risk, said the bank. "Leveraging advanced analytics, AI, we see potential to unlock tremendous value from data," said MD and CEO A. Manimekhalai.

'Dell's technolgy has touched two million common Indians'

Dell Technologies said on Tuesday the firm has positively impacted two million beneficiaries through the Mobile Solar Community Hubs introduced last year in India. These hubs are technology-enabled and equipped with requisite devices, including laptops and television screens for broadcasting messages, solar panels to power devices, 4G Internet hotspot facilities and self-paced learning content, to help the community access online services.

Graphite India to buy 31% stake in Godi for ₹50 crore

Graphite-electrodes maker Graphite India is investing ₹50 crore to acquire a 31% stake in Hyderabad-based Godi India, which is engaged in advanced chemistry R&D to support the making of sustainable batteries for electric vehicles and supercapacitor-based energy storage systems. It is part of a strategy to diversify into advanced battery and energy storage systems technologies, Graphite India ED Ashutosh Dixit said on signing of a definitive transaction for the investment.

Nov. services PMI signals slowdown

Services sector drags overall private sector activity to a one-year low; new export orders for services firms grow at the slowest pace since June even as input costs and output prices rise at an eight-month low rate, as per S&P Global's survey

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's services sector momentum faltered to a one-year low in November, as per the seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services Business Activity Index, which slid to 56.9 from 58.4 in October, with widespread slowdowns in growth rates for new orders and output.

Taken together with the manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), November marked the weakest rise in private sector activity in the country in a year. The S&P Global India Composite PMI Output Index eased to 57.4, from 58.4 in October.

New export orders for services firms grew at the slowest pace since June even as input costs and output prices rose at an eight-month low rate. While firms surveyed remained positive about business prospects in the year ahead, there was some evidence of optimism fading due to worries about faster inflation.

Outstanding business volumes were broadly stable among services firms, which triggered a restrained approach to fresh hiring. Though net employment still expanded, it was at a pace that was the weakest since April.

Firms reported a further increase in operating expenses, with labour, food, material and transportation costs rising since October, but the overall uptick was below the long-run average. Consumer services firms recorded the highest rate of input cost inflation.

However, the pace at which prices were raised was above the long-run trend, despite being the slowest in eight months. The strongest upturn in selling prices was evident in finance and insurance.

"India's service sector has lost further growth momentum midway through the third fiscal quarter, but we continue to see robust demand for services fuelling new business intakes and output," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, which compiles the survey-based index.

With some relief on costs, fewer firms raised their own fees in November, an aspect that might provide a further boost to demand as 2023 draws to a close, Ms. De Lima noted.

Momentum slackens

S&P Global India Services Business Activity Index slides to 56.9, from 58.4 in Oct., with growth rates for orders, output easing

- While firms remain positive about prospects in the year ahead, there are signs optimism is fading on worries about faster inflation
- Net employment at services firms expand at weakest pace since April
- Strongest upturn in selling prices evident in finance & insurance sector

Moody's cuts China outlook on growth, property risks

Reuters

Ratings agency Moody's cut its outlook on China's government credit ratings to negative from stable on Tuesday, in the latest sign of mounting global concern over the impact of surging local government debt and a deepening property crisis on the world's second-largest economy.

The downgrade reflects growing evidence that authorities will have to provide more financial support for debt-laden local governments and state firms, posing broad risks to China's fiscal, economic and institutional strength, Moody's said.

"The outlook change also reflects the increased risks related to structurally and persistently lower medium-term economic growth and the ongoing downsizing of the property sector," Moody's said.

The credit ratings agency also affirmed China's A1 long-term local and foreign-currency issuer ratings, saying the economy still has a high shock-absorption capacity.

China's blue-chip stocks slumped to almost five-year lows.

The cost of insuring China's sovereign debt against a default rose to its highest since mid-November.

"Now, the markets are more concerned with the property crisis and weak growth, rather than immediate sovereign debt risk," said Ken Cheung, chief Asian FX strategist at Mizuho Bank in Hong Kong.

Evaded GST worth ₹1 lakh cr. recovered since 2019-20

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

GST evasion of over ₹4.46 lakh crore has been detected between April 2019 and October 2023, leading to arrests of 1,377 persons and recovery of more than ₹1.07 lakh crore, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in Parliament on Tuesday.

Moreover, the Revenue Department has issued show cause notices for GST dues of over ₹1.12 lakh crore to 71 online gaming companies over a 19-month period till October this year, the minister informed the Rajya Sabha.

Responding to a query from Sushil Kumar Modi, Mr. Chaudhary said the show cause notices to online gaming companies involved GST to the tune of ₹1,12,332 crore, but the "respective GST demand is not yet determined" as these notices are "pending adjudication".

Further, the Minister stated that no overseas online gaming company had been registered in the country since October.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	69,296	0.63
US Dollar	83.37	0.01
Gold	63,250	-1.63
Brent oil	78.39	-0.62

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2959.35	428.15
Adani Ports	1013.10	134.45
Apollo Hosp	5580.20	-42.35
Asian Paints	3226.25	31.70
Axis Bank	1132.45	6.85
Bajaj Auto	6140.10	-61.60
Bajaj Finserv	1692.70	-3.55
Bajaj Finance	7349.80	-57.85
Bharti Airtel	1031.10	-1.80
BPCL	472.20	10.70
Britannia Ind	4948.40	10.65
Cipla	1224.45	7.95
Coal India	355.55	0.85
Divis Lab	3741.15	-56.95
Dr Reddys Lab	5776.45	20.45
Eicher Motors	4136.50	-43.85
Grasim Ind	2072.35	19.40
HCL Tech	1317.55	-20.40
HDFC Bank	1623.70	14.30
HDFC Life	672.75	-2.20
Hero MotoCorp	3806.75	9.65
Hindalco	520.65	1.40
Hind Unilever	2563.25	-39.05
ICICI Bank	1013.45	22.25
IndusInd Bank	1506.60	-8.05
Infosys	1453.95	-10.40
ITC	451.75	-2.30
JSW Steel	821.70	2.10
Kotak Bank	1828.45	9.90
L&T	3315.45	1.90
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5487.65	-89.75
M&M	1686.05	29.20
Maruti Suzuki	10721.90	122.45
NestleIndia	24608.90	206.10
NTPC	285.45	10.65
ONGC	202.05	0.00
PowerGrid Corp	222.30	9.40
Reliance Ind	2437.75	17.55
SBI Life	1460.95	6.95
State Bank	608.25	13.55
Sun Pharma	1239.55	8.40
TataConsumerProduct	950.05	3.40
Tata Motors	708.95	3.35
Tata Steel	131.60	0.60
TCS	3531.60	19.15
Tech Mahindra	1220.60	-3.30
Titan	3545.30	56.90
UltraTech Cement	9329.75	12.00
UPL	581.40	2.50
Wipro	404.35	-3.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.17	83.49
Euro	90.37	90.72
British Pound	105.31	105.72
Japanese Yen (100)	56.69	56.90
Chinese Yuan	11.65	11.70
Swiss Franc	95.20	95.58
Singapore Dollar	62.29	62.54
Canadian Dollar	61.39	61.63
Malaysian Ringitt	17.85	17.93
Australian Dollar	55.28	55.50

Source:Indian Bank

U.S. FDA inspects drug firms DRL, Sun, Torrent

Reuters
HYDERABAD

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) is inspecting Dr. Reddy's research and development centre in Hyderabad, the pharma company said on Tuesday. "We confirm the commencement of a USFDA inspection," a spokesperson said.

A unit of Laurus Labs' subsidiary Laurus Synthesis in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, is also being inspected, according to a source familiar with the matter.

Sun Pharma's Dadra facility and Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd.'s oncology unit are also reportedly undergoing inspections.

'Banks write off ₹10 lakh cr., recover ₹7 lakh cr. in 5 years'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Commercial banks regularly evaluate the impact of write-offs to clean up their balance sheets

Banks have written off ₹10.57 lakh crore during the last five financial years, of which ₹5.52 lakh crore was in respect of loans pertaining to large industries, the government informed Parliament on Tuesday.

"As per RBI data, scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) have written off an aggregate loan amount of ₹10.57 lakh crore during the last five financial years," Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said in reply to a question.

The scheduled commercial banks have also recovered ₹7.15 lakh crore of non-performing assets during the five-year period.

"Comprehensive steps have been taken to recover NPAs, enabled by which, SCBs have made an aggregate recovery of ₹7,15,507 crore (RBI provisional data for FY 2022-23) in NPA accounts, including written-off loans, during the last five financial years," he said.

Mr. Karad said banks regularly evaluate the impact of write-offs as part of the exercise to clean up their balance sheet, in accordance with guidelines.

Wipro unit acquires three soap brands from VVF

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Attempting to augment its share in India's toilet soap market, Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting said it has invested more than $1 billion to fund 15 personal care product acquisitions since 2003.

The company on Tuesday acquired personal care brands Jo, Doy, and Bacter Shield from VVF (India) Ltd., a contract manufacturer, marking Wipro's third acquisition in 12 months.

These brands together recorded a revenue of more than ₹210 crore in FY23 for VVF, a firm founded by Godrej Pallonji Joshi in 1939.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri. J. R. Basavaraj, Smt. R. Vijaya, Sri. H. Vishwanath, Smt. Veena. S, Sri. Bhuvanesh. S, Sri. Shivayogi, Sri. Sangmesh, Sri. Neelkanta, Sri. R. Lingaraju, Sri. G. R. Devraj are the absolute owners of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owners. All persons having any claims against to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, Joint Development Agreement, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/2**, measuring to an extent of **2 Acres 1 Gunta**, bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/10; West by: Sy.No.85/11; North by: Sy. No. 86; South by: Road.

Item No. 2: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/3,** measuring to an extent of **10 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/5; West by: Sy.No.85/10; North by: Sy. No. 86; South by: Sy. No. 85/10.

Item No. 3: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/4** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 20 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.80 & 99, Nala, Road; West by: Sy.No.85/6; North by: Sy. No. 99; South by: Sy.No.85/7.

Item No. 4: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/5** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 20 & 30 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.99 & Sy.No 85/6; West by: Sy.No.85/10 & Sy. No. 85/3; North by: Sy.No 86; South by: Road.

Item No. 5: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/6 (Old Sy. No. 85/4)** measuring to an extent of **20 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/4; West by: Sy.No.85/5 & Sy. No. 85/13; North by: Sy. No. 85/5; South by: Sy.No.85/7.

Item No. 6: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/7 (Old Sy. No. 85/4),** measuring to an extent of **20 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.84 & Celebrity Layout; West by: Sy. No. 85/13; North by: Sy.No 85/6; South by: Road.

Item No. 7: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/10** measuring to an extent of **3 Acres 13 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/3, Sy.No.85/13 & Sy.No 85/5; West by: Sy. No. 85/2; North by: Sy.No 86 & Sy.No.85/3; South by: Road.

Item No. 8: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/11** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 20 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/2; West by: Sy.No 85/12; North by: Sy. No. 86 & Celebrity Layout; South by: Road.

Item No. 9: All that Piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy. No. 85/12** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 20 Guntas** bounded on: East by: Sy.No.85/11; West by: Sy.No 85/1; North by: Sy. No. 86; South by: Road.

All lands are situated at Bandenallasandra village, Jigani hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

Dated this 06th day of December 2023 at Bangalore

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No. EE/KSPH&IDCL/CNT/TND/03/2023-24 Date: 04.12.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

KSPH & IDCL invites online tender as per KTPP 2000 Act & as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, (Single tender document system) and KW-3, KW-4 (Two tender document system) through KPPP **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works.

1) Construction of Swimming Pool and Proposed Volley Ball Court & Proposed entrance Arch With Gate for PTS at Shanthigrama, Hassan District. (APT Rs.115.53 lakhs)
2) Construction of Armoury with Magazine for PTS Aimangala, Chitradurga District. (APT Rs.192.24 lakhs)
3) Construction of Main Entrance for PTS Aimangala, Chitradurga District. (APT Rs.13.30 lakhs)
4) Construction of 40 Toilets and 24 Bathrooms at KSPTS, Channapatna. (APT Rs.89.50 lakhs)

Interested Eligible contractors may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on KPPP from **15-12-2023**.

"KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."

Note: Henceforth any changes / modifications in the tender will be updated only on KPPP.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-Contracts

DIPR/CP/AAA/2404/2023-24

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Pulikeshinagar Divison, BBMP Office Building,
Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru.

No. EE/PN/TEND/05/2023-24 Date: 05.12.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-1/2)
(Through GOK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP Bengaluru invites item rate tenders from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/MES or any State Government Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate Value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
	For General Category Works		
1.	Filling of Pot Holes in Ward No.70, Kushalanagar for the year 2023-24 (3rd Call).	15.00	37,500/-
2.	Filling of Pot Holes in Ward No.69, Kavalbyrasandra for the year 2023-24 (3rd Call).	15.00	37,500/-
3.	Filling of Pot Holes in Ward No.75, Pulikeshinagar for the year 2023-24 (3rd Call).	15.00	37,500/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **06.12.2023. (2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Documents is **13.12.2023 upto 4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of Tenders is **14.12.2023 at 4:30 p.m.** if possible. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP.

'Avoid 'too good to be true' online deals'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Internet security provider McAfee has warned online shoppers in India against "too good to be true" deals or risk getting scammed.

Signalling more concerns, it said some 59% of 7,000 adults who participated in a study shopped late at night during the recent festive season, while in bed, when they should have been asleep.

According to the study, 54% of Indian consumers have been the victim of an online scam during the festive season. About 65% of these victims reported losing money as a result, the majority of whom lost as much as ₹40,000.

During the recent festive season, 77% of shoppers saw an uptick in cybercriminal activity and 95% of people thought that the use of artificial intelligence would impact the amount and types of scams.

The study found Indians shopped round the clock including at work (37%), and during dinner (28%).

Apple warns charger rule to hit local output

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Apple has told India its local production targets will be hit if New Delhi follows the European Union and requires existing iPhones to have universal charging ports, a government document shows as the U.S. tech giant lobbies for an exemption or delay.

India wants to implement a EU rule that will require smartphones to have a universal USB-C charging port, and has been in talks with manufacturers about introducing the requirement in India by June 2025, six months after the deadline in the EU.

While all manufacturers, including Samsung, have agreed to India's plan, Apple is pushing back.

Apple has for years offered a unique lightning connector port on its iPhones. The EU, however, estimates a single charger solution would save about $271 million for consumers. India has said the standardisation would reduce e-waste and aid users.

READY, BUT...

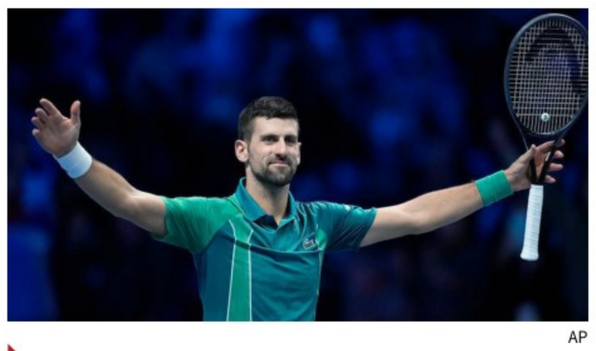
Nadal plays down expectations ahead of Brisbane return

AFP

Rafael Nadal said he expects "nothing" from himself before his return to the court next month. The 37-year-old is set to play in the Brisbane tournament early next year. "I think I'm ready and I trust and hope that all goes well and I get the opportunity to enjoy myself on the court," Nadal said in a video on social media.

WELL AHEAD

Djokovic finishes at No. 1 for a record-extending eighth time



AP

Novak Djokovic earned the year-end No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for the eighth time on Monday, adding to a record he already held. Djokovic won the Australian Open in January, French Open in June and U.S. Open in September to raise his career total to a men's-record 24, and was the runner-up at the other, Wimbledon.

MAGICAL MOMENT

Bellingham becomes first Madrid player to win Golden Boy award

AFP

England midfielder Jude Bellingham created history, becoming the first Real Madrid player to win the Golden Boy award. The award is given to the best under-21 footballer playing at a European club. The 20-year-old earned a spot in the list of 25 finalists which included his *Los Blancos* teammate Arda Guler.

REAL DEAL

Sonu's super raid gives Giants thrilling win over U Mumba

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sonu Jaglan was Gujarat Giants' hero again as he powered the team to a 39-37 win over U Mumba in the Pro Kabaddi League in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. His three-point super raid in the final minute of the game helped Giants register their third successive win. The raid also gave him his third Super 10 on the trot.

India looks to improve record against England

The Women in Blue have won just two T20Is in their nine meetings against the Englishwomen on home turf; the hosts will bank on Harmanpreet, Smriti and Jemimah to fire with the bat

Power play: Smriti, Harmanpreet and Jemimah will be keen to produce impactful bursts against Knight's England. EMMANUAL YOGINI

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

It has been more than a month since Amol Muzumdar took over as the head coach of the Indian women's cricket team, and one of his first tasks is to ensure that the team does not dwell over the past or bother too much about statistics.

When the Women in Blue square off against England in the first T20I at the Wankhede Stadium on Wednesday, they will hope to begin well. This year, the team reached the triangular series final in South Africa and claimed a gold medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games. But it does not enjoy an impressive record against England. The two sides have met on Indian soil nine times and the home team has only won twice, the last being an eight-wicket victory at the Brabourne Stadium in 2018. Overall, India has seven wins in 27 matches against England.

The series presents India a chance to improve its record against England which will miss the services of Charlie Dean, down with a stomach bug.

India will rely on the batters to get going. While Harmanpreet Kaur has led from the front this year with 323 runs in 13 T20Is, Jemimah Rodrigues has scored 342 runs in 16 games at an average of 34.20. Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has topped the charts with 369 runs in 15 outings (average: 28.08).

Though she has been the most successful bowler with 19 wickets in 16 outings, Deepti Sharma has not been in her good form with the bat, particularly in the death overs. The team has three new faces for this series, with off-spinner Shreyanka Patil and left-arm spinners Mannat Kashyap and Saika Ishaque having been roped in.

England would be expecting spinners Sophie Ecclestone and Sarah Glenn to step up. Ecclestone is coming back from a surgery, after dislocating her right shoulder, but England captain Heather Knight insisted the World No. 2 team wants to put up a spirited show. The focus will be on all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt while Dannielle Wyatt and Ecclestone will be keen to play crucial roles.

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-capt.), Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Richa Ghosh (wk), Amanjot Kaur, Shreyanka Patil, Mannat Kashyap, Saika Ishaque, Renuka Singh Thakur, Titas Sadhu, Pooja Vastrakar, Kanika Ahuja, and Minnu Mani.

England: Heather Knight (Capt.), Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Mahika Gaur, Danielle Gibson, Sarah Glenn, Bess Heath (wk), Amy Jones (wk), Freya Kemp, Nat Sciver-Brunt, and Danielle Wyatt.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

DRS an important aspect of the game, could even be series changer: Muzumdar

Ready to roll: Amol Muzumdar insisted that DRS decision-making calls will be done on a rotational basis. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

Amol Muzumdar, ahead of his maiden assignment as the head coach of India's women's team, has ensured that the players are well accustomed to the Decision Review System (DRS) – that will be implemented during the bilateral series against England, beginning on Wednesday.

Though the DRS is common in the women's ICC events and was also used during the Women's Premier League last season, it has not been used for bilateral series at home so far. However, Muzumdar wants his team to optimise the DRS challenge.

"We've already had a discussion on this. And we do have a DRS committee in place to deal with that. It's an important aspect of the game no doubt, and I believe it could be a game or even a series changer. So, every small aspect will be taken care of," Muzumdar said on the eve of the first T20I.

Though he did not reveal the names of the four players who will be in-charge of making the DRS calls for the team, the head coach insisted that it will be done on a rotational basis, so that everyone gets an idea.

In the past, fielding has been an area of concern for India, and Muzumdar made it clear that there will be no compromises on fitness and fielding. "We have already had fitness tests at the NCA, and they (fitness parameters) are already in place and we will follow them religiously. There will be three tests in a season. It will be followed rigorously going forward," Muzumdar said.

With the T20I World Cup set to be held in Bangladesh next year, every series is crucial. "We are moving towards the goal. Every series and match will have its own importance and the series against England and Australia will count a lot. We had a chat about it with the team and they are all raring to go. Every step that we take (hereon) is (about) moving towards the World Cup," Muzumdar said.

Dipa shifts focus to Paris 2024 Olympics

Time to move on: Dipa looks to overcome the disappointment of missing the Asian Games. FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Olympian gymnast Dipa Karmakar has left behind the disappointing episode of her name getting dropped from the Asian Games entry list and is preparing herself to earn a Paris 2024 quota place.

The 30-year-old Dipa, who secured a historic fourth-place finish in vault at the 2016 Rio Games, served a 21-month doping suspension before making a comeback and topping the trials in Bhubaneswar in July.

Despite being selected for the Asian Games by the Gymnastics Federation of India, she was not included in the final list released by the Sports Ministry as she did not meet the criteria.

Dipa seemed to have taken the setback in her stride. "It's part of life. If we knew about the circular (specifying the criteria), our competition style would have been different. I don't have any problem with it. For one or two days, I was down. Then everyone was around – coach Bishweshwar Nandi Sir and my parents – were there to boost me," said Dipa during an interaction on the sidelines of the Techno Olympica Knight, a sports event by the Techno India Group.

Dipa said she was trying her best to book a berth to Paris. "Most of the qualifying spots were there in the World championships in September but I could not take part in that. A few World Cups are coming up. They will be really tough as the Russian and Belarusian gymnasts will be allowed. Though the competition will be tough, I will give it my 100%."

Apart from the chance to qualify for individual apparatus in the World Cups, the Indian gymnasts will get an opportunity to qualify in all-around at the continental event.

Dipa, who has troubled by several injuries in the past, wants to ensure that she doesn't hurt her knees during her training at Agartala.

"I think of saving my knees because there have been two surgeries. Apart from that, there was also an ankle issue. I cannot train with full force as I was doing earlier though I'm fully fit now. I'm giving my 100% so that I can get a medal before retirement."

Railways women ensure last-eight berth

NATIONAL BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau
LUDHIANA

Railways women won their matches with conviction to ensure a quarterfinal berth in the 73rd National basketball championship on Tuesday. Railways outplayed West Bengal 152-50, after having beaten Tamil Nadu 89-53 overnight.

Kerala women also confirmed their berth from the second group.

In the men's section, defending champion Punjab and Tamil Nadu stayed unbeaten to ensure their quarterfinal berths.

The results (league):

Men: Group-A: Madhya Pradesh 86 (Rakesh Kumar 20, Shreyesh Raj 18, Harsh Tomar 14) bt Telengana 63 (Billa Nathan Abraham 27, G Suryakumar 17).

Punjab 106 (Kanwar Gurbaj Singh 24, Nawaz Singh 22, Amritpall Singh 19, Manjot Singh 16, Yadwinder Singh 10) bt Madhya Pradesh 67 (Akash Bhasin 15, Harsh Singh 12, Deepak Chowdary 11).

Group-B: Delhi 84 (Arjjun Singh 15, Vishesh Bhriguvanshi 14, Joginder Singh 14, Ravi Bhardwaj 13, Rachit 11, Vishal Kumar 11) bt Gujarat 69 (Kuldeep Thamalia 19, Sagar Modi 17).

Women: Group-A: Railways 152 (H Bhandhavya 23, Sruti Aravind 23, Madhu Kumari 18, Priyanka 17, Poonam Chaturvedi 16, Nisha Sharma 15, Kiran Yadav 10, Harshita 10) bt West Bengal 50 (Paulami Chatterjee 11, Megha Singh 10).

Karnataka 72 (Roshni John 24, Varsha Nandhini 20, Chandana 11) bt Chhattisgarh 47 (Divani Ganwal 14, D Kirti 14).

Railways 89 (Pushpa Senthilkuar 23, Sruti Aravind 15, Madhu Kumari 12, Rasi Kotan 12, Harshita 10) bt Tamil Nadu 53 (Nitika 13, Iswarya 11, Nishanthi 11).

Group-B: Kerala 79 (Aneesha Cleetus 17, Kavitha 13, Grima Merlin 11) bt Uttar Pradesh 48 (Megh Singh 19, Liprmaye Satapathy 16).

Delhi 67 (Raspreet Sidhu 33, Ishika Choudhary 16) bt Punjab 64 (Manmeet Kaur 37, Kavya Singhla 18).

Italian outfit Sir Sicoma Perugia will be keen to defend its crown

CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The FIVB Men's Volleyball Club World Championship will get underway at the Koramangala Indoor Stadium from Wednesday.

The 2023 edition of the six-team tournament will see Italy's Sir Sicoma Perugia try and defend the title it won on debut. Challenging the Italians will be Turkey's Halkbank Spor Kulubu, Brazil's Sada Cruzeiro Volei and Itambe Minas, Japan's Suntory Sunbirds and India's very own Ahmedabad Defenders.

Sir Sicoma and Halkbank qualified via the 2022-2023 CEV Champions League, while the two Brazilian teams earned their spots by ranking first and second in the South American Men's Club Championship.

The line-up: FIVB Executive VP Aleksandar Boricic, third from right, with the captains. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Sunbirds sealed their spot after winning the Asian Men's Club Championship while the Defenders earned the right to represent hosts India after having won the 2023 Prime Volleyball League earlier this year.

"It's a great opportunity for Indian players to play against some of the best in the world," said Defenders' Srajan Shetty on competition eve. "It will be an experience that we won't get anywhere in India. I can learn a lot."

Sir Sicoma's captain Wilfredo Leon said his team was all pumped up. "We have come here with a lot of ambitions and positive energy to keep the gold," he said. "But we will have to see if other teams will allow it."

The five-day event, which will culminate with Sunday's final, will have two pools of three teams each competing in the round-robin format. The best two sides from each pool will advance to the semifinals.

Wednesday's matches:
Halkbank Spor Kulubu vs Suntory Sunbirds, 5.30 p.m.; Ahmedabad Defenders vs Itambe Minas, 8.30 p.m.

Hundal 'tricks as India beats Korea

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

Araijeet Singh Hundal scored a hat-trick as India dished out a dominant display to defeat Korea 4-2 in its opening pool match of the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup here on Tuesday. Hundal scored in the 11th, 16th and 41st minutes while Amandeep found the target for India in the 30th minute in the Pool C match. Dohyun Lim (38th) and Minkwon Kim (45th) were the scorers for Korea.

India next plays Spain.

India downs NZ

Press Trust of India
SANTIAGO

India defeated New Zealand in sudden death penalty shoot out after both sides were locked 3-3 in regulation time in the ninth-16th place classification match of the junior women's hockey World Cup here on Tuesday.

Ropni Kumari (eighth), Jyoti Chhatri (17th) and Sunelita Toppo (53rd) scored for India while Isabella Story (11th), Madeline Harris (14th), and Riana Pho (49th) got the goals for New Zealand.

India won 3-2 in the penalty shoot out. Sakshi Rana and Preeti converted for India, while Mumtaz Khan scored in sudden death. On the other hand, New Zealand's Hannah Cotter and Riana Pho converted their shots in the penalty shoot out.

INBRIEF

Zapata double helps Torino beat misfiring Atalanta

Torino moved into the top half of Serie A after beating visiting Atalanta 3-0. Atalanta, winless in its last four league games, remained eighth, one point ahead of Torino, which moved up to 10th. On loan striker Duvan Zapata – ironically from Atalanta – scored twice while Antonio Sanabria got the other goal for Torino.

Prarthana enters doubles quarterfinals in Dubai

Prarthana Thombare and Anastasia Tikhonova beat Alevtina Ibregimova and Anastassia Kovaleva 3-6, 6-1, [11-9] in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the $100,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Dubai on Tuesday.

The results: $100,000 ITF women, Dubai: First round: Emily Appleton (GBR) bt Ankita Raina 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Prarthana Thombare & Anastasia Tikhonova bt Alevtina Ibregimova & Anastasia Kovaleva 3-6, 6-1, [11-9]; Stefania Bojica (Rou) & Ekaterina Yashina bt Eva Busaad & Jigyasa Narsinghani 6-0, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Filiberto Fumagalli & Samuel Ruggeri (Ita) bt George Gregoriou (Gre) & Aryan Lakshmanan 6-3, 6-3.

Upset wins for Velavan and Abhay in the first round

India's World No. 63 S. Velavan upset World No. 46 Shahjahan Khan of Pakistan 11-5, 11-1, 5-11, 9-11, 11-9 while World No. 70 Abhay Singh put it across USA's World No. 54 Andrew Douglas 11-7, 4-11, 11-13, 11-5, 11-4 in the men's first round of the Lucino Vanities-New Zealand squash open at Tauranga.

Akash and Ankolia emerge the under-13 champs

Akash Rajavelu of Tamil Nadu and Ankolia Chakraborty of West Bengal claimed the under-13 boys and girls' singles titles respectively in the UTT National-ranking table tennis tournament in Vijayawada on Monday.

The results: Boys: U-13: Final: Akash Rajavelu (TN) bt Aarav Acharya (TTFI) 13-11, 11-4, 11-5, 12-10. **Semifinals:** Aarav bt K. Akshay Bhushan (TN) 11-6, 11-6, 11-2; Akash bt Vatsal Dulkan (Har) 11-4, 11-8, 8-11, 10-12, 11-9. **U-11: Final:** M. Ashvajit (TN) bt Sai Manavith (AP) 11-5, 12-10, 8-11, 11-8. **Semifinals:** Ashvajit bt Ariv Dutta (NCOE) 9-11, 11-5, 13-11, 12-14, 14-12; Manavith bt Gem Mahanalobish (WB) 11-9, 11-2, 11-5.

Girls: U-13: Final: Ankolika Chakraborty (WB) bt Prateeti Paul (WB) 11-4, 11-7, 11-4. **Semifinals:** Ankolika bt Sreejani Chakraborty (WB) 11-1, 11-7, 11-6; Prateeti bt Tanisha Kalbhairav (Kar) 9-11,11-4, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7.**U-11: Final:** Serosree Chakraborty (WB) bt Siddhi Singh (Del) 11-6, 11-6, 11-8. **Semifinals:** Serosree bt Shayana Tyagi (Del) 11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8; Siddhi bt Debanshi Chakraborty 11-9, 11-8, 11-8.

Sheffield reappoints Wilder after sacking Heckingbottom

Sheffield United on Tuesday reappointed Chris Wilder (*in pic*) as manager after sacking Paul Heckingbottom following a miserable start to the Premier League season. Heckingbottom is the first manager to be fired this season in the English top flight after 11 defeats in 14 league games, leaving it four points from safety.

Uttarakhand's spirited defence of a meagre total upends Delhi; 6-wkt. win for Karnataka

Valiant Badoni plays a lone hand in a losing cause as Madhwal rattles the capital side's riposte; Avneesh's knock takes the winner to a fighting total

HAZARE TROPHY

Abhishek Saini
AHMEDABAD

Ayush Badoni's (87, 97b, 9x4, 2x6) valiant effort went in vain as Delhi lost to Uttarakhand by 51 runs in its final Group C match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium Ground B here on Tuesday.

Delhi had its tail up after bundling out Uttarakhand for 221 inside 46 overs, with the last seven wickets costing only 29 runs. However, Akash Madhwal rattled its reply with his early movement. Kshitiz Sharma and Yash Dhull departed while leaning forward for drives, with the former handing a catch to first slip and the latter to point.

Making their presence felt: On a day when the bowlers held the upper hand, Uttarakhand's Avneesh Sudha and Delhi's Ayush Badoni stood out for their batting. VIJAY SONEJI

The double strike forced Jonty Sidhu and Badoni to retreat. At 36 for two in the 17th over, it was the pressure to get going that led Sidhu to miscue a leg-side heave and hole out at mid off.

Badoni and Himmat Singh chipped away at the target in singles.

But just when Delhi's pursuit was gathering steam, Mayank Mishra prised out Himmat and Lakshay Thareja in three deliveries. If Uttarakhand did not have its tail up till this point, it surely did so after Aditya Tare's one-handed blinder to remove Harsh Tyagi, leaving Delhi at 97 for seven.

But Delhi's hopes lingered on with Badoni unwilling to relent. He clobbered Jagmohan Nagarkoti and Mishra for two maximums over mid wicket. Badoni then furnished a ramp shot off Madhwal before Harshit Rana tonked the same bowler down the ground. Avneesh Sudha, however, got Badoni to top edge his sweep and hole out at fine leg and quell Delhi's retaliation.

In the first innings, Avneesh (85, 120b, 9x4) anchored Uttarakhand to what proved to be a surplus total.

In another match at the Gujarat College Cricket Ground, Mayank Agarwal and Manish Pandey stabilised a wobbly start and led Karnataka to a six-wicket win over Mizoram.

Though off the blocks in style, Karnataka's pursuit of 125 was reeling at 46 for four in just the fifth over. However, the unbeaten association worth 80 runs between Agarwal and Pandey avoided the blushes for their side. But Haryana's win over Jammu & Kashmir in the other Group C clash meant Karnataka finished second in the group.

HAZARE TROPHY SCORES AND KNOCKOUTS SCHEDULE

Group A: At Bengaluru: Sikkim 165/9 in 50 overs (Palzor Tamang 49) lost to Saurashtra 167/0 in 16.3 overs (Harvik Desai 101 n.o., Samarth Vyas 59 n.o.).

Railways 255/5 in 50 overs (Pratham Singh 61, Sahab Yuvraj Singh 121 n.o.) bt Kerala 237/8 in 50 overs (Sanju Samson 128, Shreyas Gopal 53, Rahul Sharma 4/44).

Odisha 199/9 in 50 overs (Kartik Biswal 64) bt Mumbai 113 in 32.3 overs.

Tripura 160 in 47.3 overs (Bikramjit Debnath 75 n.o.) bt Pondicherry 135 in 40.1 overs (Akash Anand Kargave 54).

Final standings (read as Played, Won, Lost, Points, Net Run Rate): Mumbai 7-5-2-20 (+1.158); Kerala 7-5-2-20 (+1.553); Tripura 7-4-3-16 (+0.493); Saurashtra 7-4-3-16 (+0.430); Railways 7-4-3-16 (+0.226); Odisha 7-4-3-16 (+0.161); Pondicherry 7-2-5-8 (-0.922); Sikkim 7-0-7-0 (-3.594).

(Note: *Though Mumbai and Kerala finished with the same points, the former was ranked first as it had beaten the latter in their group clash).*

Group B: At Jaipur: Maharashtra 427/6 in 50 overs (Ankit Bawne 167, Rushabh Rathod 65, Om Dattatreya Bhosale 60) bt Manipur 260/6 in 50 overs (Langlonyamba Keishangbam 76 n.o., Priyojit Singh Kangbam 62, Johnson Singh 50).

Chhattisgarh 274/8 in 50 overs (Shashank Singh 79, Harpreet Singh Bhatia 68, Shashank Chandrakar 45) bt Jharkhand 178 in 39.1 overs (Nazim Siddiqui 57, Mayank Yadav 5/28).

Meghalaya 158 in 41.1 overs (Tanmay Mishra 49, Kartikeya Kak 5/39) lost to Hyderabad 161/1 in 18.4 overs (Rahul Singh 105 n.o., Tanmay Agarwal 49 n.o.).

Services 282/6 in 50 overs (Shubham Rohilla 109, Vikas Hathwala 75) bt Vidarbha 267/8 in 50 overs (Atharva Taide 45, Dhruv Shorey 85).

Final standings: Vidarbha 7-5-2-20 (+1.349); Maharashtra 7-5-2-20 (+0.985); Services

Guleria (8/50, HP vs Gujarat). FILE PHOTO

7-5-2-20 (+0.390); Hyderabad 7-4-3-16 (+0.899); Chhattisgarh 7-4-3-16 (+0.451); Jharkhand 7-4-3-16 (+0.136); Meghalaya 7-1-6-4 (-1.361); Manipur 7-0-7-0 (-2.866).

(Vidarbha, Maharashtra and Services, who tallied 20 points each, were ranked in that order based on NRR. The top two teams progressed).

Group C: At Ahmedabad: Mizoram 124 in 37.2 overs (V. Koushik 4/7) lost to Karnataka 126/4 in 17.1 overs (Mayank Agarwal 48 n.o.).

J&K 250 in 49.4 overs (Sahil Lotra 74, Shubham Pundir 46, Shubham Khajuria 41) lost to Haryana 254/6 in 49.4 overs (Rahul Tewatia 67 n.o., Nishant Sindhu 61, Yuvraj Singh 58).

Chandigarh 253/8 in 50 overs (Arslan Khan 56, Gaurav Puri 56, Bhagmender Lather 49, Ashutosh Aman 4/27) bt Bihar 153 in 41.4 overs.

Uttarakhand 221 in 45.5 overs (Avneesh Sudha 85, Aditya Tare 58) bt Delhi 170 in 46.2 overs (Ayush Badoni 87).

Final standings: Haryana 7-7-0-28 (+1.891); Karnataka 7-6-1-24 (+1.680); Uttarakhand 7-5-2-20 (+0.691); Chandigarh 7-3-4-12 (+0.777); Delhi 7-3-4-12 (+0.418); J&K 7-2-4-10 (-0.456); Mizoram 7-1-6-4 (-3.298); Bihar 7-0-6-2 (-2.116).

(The J&K-Bihar match was abandoned without a ball bowled).

Group D: At Chandigarh: Assam 118 in 28.3 overs lost to Rajasthan 119/2 in 24 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 55 n.o., Ram Chouhan 51).

Arunachal 102 in 39.1 overs lost to Uttar Pradesh 103/2 in 13.3 overs (Aryan Juyal 58 n.o.).

Gujarat 327 in 49 overs (Urvil Patel 116, Priyank Panchal 96, Chirag Gandhi 42, Arpit Guleria 8/50) bt Himachal 319 in 49.5 overs (Prashant Chopra 96, Sumeet Verma 82).

Final standings: Rajasthan 6-6-0-24 (+1.870); Gujarat 6-4-1-18 (+0.910); Uttar Pradesh 6-4-2-16 (+0.833); Himachal 6-3-3-12 (+0.824); Andhra 6-1-4-6 (-0.769); Assam 6-1-5-4 (-0.924); Arunachal 6-1-5-4 (-2.946).

(The Gujarat-Andhra game was abandoned without a ball bowled).

Group E: At Mumbai: Bengal 242/9 in 50 overs (Anustup Majumdar 111 n.o., Karan Lal 66, Baltej Singh 5/35) bt Punjab 190 in 24.1 overs.

Nagaland 69 in 19.4 overs (Varun Chakaravarthy 5/9) lost to Tamil Nadu 73/0 in 7.5 overs.

Goa 228 in 48.4 overs (Snehal Kauthankar 50) lost to Baroda 232/6 in 47 overs (Abhimanyusingh Rajput 71 n.o., Kinit Patel 68, Darshan Mishal 4/41).

Final standings: Tamil Nadu 6-5-1-20 (+0.944); Bengal 6-5-1-20 (+2.100); Madhya Pradesh 6-4-2-16 (+0.478); Punjab 6-3-3-12 (+0.800); Baroda 6-3-3-12 (+0.070); Goa 6-1-5-4 (-0.303); Nagaland 6-0-6-0 (-6.273).

(Tamil Nadu topped the group as it had defeated Bengal in the group game).

The knockouts:

December 9:

Pre-quarterfinals: Bengal vs Gujarat (PQF 1); Kerala vs Maharashtra (PQF 2).

December 11: Quarterfinals: Haryana vs Winner of PQF 1 (QF 1); Rajasthan vs Winner of PQF 2 (QF 2); Vidarbha vs Karnataka (QF 3); Mumbai vs Tamil Nadu (QF 4).

Semifinals: December 13: Winner of QF 1 vs Winner of QF 4; **December 14:** Winner of QF 2 vs Winner of QF 3.

Final: December 16.

All matches in Rajkot.

Lakshya Sports launches Project Grand Slam for girls

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
PUNE

Lakshya Sports, in collaboration with Amalgam Steel, has launched Project Grand Slam to nurture girls in tennis from the grassroots level to the Grand Slam stage.

The brainchild of Lakshya vice-president Sunder Iyer and the JMD of Amalgam Steel Sourav Mishra, the project aims to support the chosen players in every possible way to help them evolve into world-class stars.

"Through this program we want to see at least four to five girls play at all the junior Grand Slams regularly and start a new chapter for Indian tennis. This will also help them make an entry via the junior wild cards into the professional events-,"said Sunder.

"We believe that sports is essential for holistic development. We want to have junior Grand Slam champions from India. Our objective is to give selected players with essential resources and assistance," said Amalgam Steel's HR president Vijay Pandey.

After rigorous assessment, the project has already chosen players in the 14-15 age group, Maaya Rajeshwaran, Prisha Shinde, Kaashvi Sunil, Aishwarya Jadhav, Rishitha Basireddy, Nainika Reddy, Yashika Shokeen, Sejal Bhutada and Akruti Sonkusare.

"We intend to have the first foreign coaching camp in Thailand," said Sunder.

The project will get apparel support from Indian Tree, which has already established a strong presence in the Indian tennis market.

Grassroots development: Maaya, Sunder Iyer and Vijay at the launch of Project Grand Slam in Pune. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Laksh and Tanvi take the honours

M.A. Laksh Chengappa and Tanvi Reddy Andluri emerged the under-17 boys' and girls' champions at the Yonex-Sunrise all-India sub-junior ranking badminton tournament on Tuesday.

The results (finals):

U-17: Singles: Boys: M.A. Laksh Chengappa bt Ansh Negi 21-18, 8-21, 21-8; **Girls:** Tanvi Reddy Andluri bt Dianka Waldia 21-12, 21-14.

Doubles: Boys: Bala Pranay Pragada & Pranit Somani bt Bjorn Jaison & P.V. Aathish Sreenivas 21-18, 21-11.

Girls: Deepak Raj Aditi & Ponnamma B. Vriddhi bt Lakshmi Ridhima Devineni & Sarayu Suryaneni 21-10, 21-12.

Mixed doubles: G.N. Niranjan & P. Varna bt Vishnu Kedhar Kode & Skiedeep Kour 21-10, 21-15 .

U-15: Singles: Boys: Akhil Reddy Bobba bt Kiran Noguchi 18-21, 21-19, 21-15.

Girls: Rishika Nandi bt Hithaishree L. Rajaiah 16-21, 21-12, 21-9.

Doubles: Boys: Charan Ram Thippana & Hari Krishna Veeram Reddy bt Akhil Reddy Bobba & Abhishek Bonu 21-18, 21-19;

Girls: Deepak Raj Aditi & Ponnamma B. Vriddhi bt Angel Chaudhary & Shubhangi Chaudhary 21-10, 21-8.

Mixed doubles: Mohan Krishna Kursam & Lakshmi Ridhima Devineni bt Bapun Rout & Shreya Tripathi 16-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Football tournament

The Parikrma Champions League football tournament will be held from December 7 to 9 at the Bangalore Football Stadium.

Sixteen teams from all over India will battle it out for the Equality Cup.

The Parikrma Humanity Foundation, which works for the upliftment of underprivileged children, has chosen equality and peace as this year's competition themes.

For details, contact: events@parikrmafoundation.org.

Bhargav and Sahil bat well for Bowlers

Half-centuries from C.N. Bhargav (64) and Sahil Jain (58 n.o.) helped Bowlers CC defeat Yankees CC by seven wickets in the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club cricket tournament.

The scores:

Yankees 174/9 in 50 overs (Aryan Giria 36, Sparsh Sankesara 55) lost to Bowlers 175/3 in 31.5 overs (C.N. Bhargav 64, Sahil Jain 58 n.o.).

Bangalore Occasionals 212/6 in 50 overs (Suvik Gill 93 n.o.) lost to Minerva 179/3 in 34.2 overs (Siddharth Rajesh Nair 48, Mandar Pai 56 n.o.) [Target revised to 179 in 42 overs because of rain].

Lions 213 in 44.1 overs (R. Rohith Reddy 97, P. Rohit 26, Gokhulnathan Kannan 43) lost to The Bangalore Cricketers 166/9 in 38.4 overs (A. Aayush 33, C.M. Naksh 37, Diganth S. Vittal 3/24) [On better run-rate after rain stopped play].

Victory 252 in 46.3 overs (Kanishk Ravi 76 n.o., Vishrut Mehrotra 48, J. Ranjan 3/37) bt Unique 131 in 39.5 overs (Sagnik 32, J. Ranjan 42).

Easy win for SHBHC Gadag

SHBHC Gadag defeated Sahyadri HC, Shivamogga 7-3 in the KSHA-BHA B-division hockey league championship on Tuesday.

In another encounter, Bengaluru Blues HC-A edged out Kolar DHA 1-0.

Tanishka claims the bronze

Tanishka Kalabhairav lost to West Bengal's Prateeti Paul 11-9, 4-11, 4-11, 11-9, 7-11 to settle for the bronze medal in the under-13 category of the National-ranking table tennis tournament in Vijayawada.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 a.m. onwards

Volleyball Club World Championship: Sony Ten 2, 5.30 & 8.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1 a.m. (Thursday).

Stag's Leap claims feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer N. Ravinder Singh's Stag's Leap ridden by B.R. Kumar won the Pronto Pronto Plate, the main event of Tuesday's (Dec. 5) races here.

The winner is owned by Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP.

1. ALEKONA PLATE (DIV. II): SHADOW FAX (K.G. Likith Appu) 1, Mix The Magic (B. Nikhil) 2, Warwick (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Diamond Rain (Ashad Asbar) 4. 3, 3/4 and 1/2. 1m 8. 00s. ₹81 (w), 15, 28 and 10 (p) SHP: 105, THP: 37, SHW: 43 and 70, FP: 1,070, Q: 226, Tanala: 1,796. Favourite: Diamond Rain. Owners: Mr. G. Krishnamohan Rao, Mr. Nataraja Mehta & Mr. Mirza Ayub Baig. Trainer: D. Netto.

2. LAGARDE PLATE (DIV. II): MISS MAYA (A. Imran Khan) 1, Pontefract (Md. Ekram Alam) 2, D Minchu (Ajay Kumar) 3 and American Flame (Surya Prakash) 4. 8-1/2, 3 and 5. 1m 13. 63s. ₹16 (w), 10, 17 and 13 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 35, SHW: 10 and 49, FP: 54, Q: 45, Tanala: 101. Favourite: Miss Maya. Owners: Mr. Chitturi Krishna Kannaiah, Mr. Soma Raju Adipudi, Mr. Sureshbabu Daggubatti & Mr. Venkatesh Daggubati. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

3. SMART CHIEFTAN PLATE: STRAUSS (B. Nikhil) 1, Top In Class (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 2, Fara (Ajay Kumar) 3 and Rising Queen (Md. Ismail) 4. 4-3/4, 1/2 and 4-1/4. 1m 6. 45s. ₹21 (w), 12, 31 and 11 (p). SHP: 114, THP: 47, SHW: 14 and 55, FP: 391, Q: 418, Tanala: 757. Favourite: Strauss. Owner: Mr. Rajeev Sharma. Trainer: Magan Singh.

4. LAGARDE PLATE (DIV. I): RAGNAROK (Md. Ismail) 1, Dyanoosh (A. Imran Khan) 2, Minecraft (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Only The Brave (Santosh Raj) 4. Head, 4-3/4 and 2-3/4. 1m 14. 39s. ₹31 (w), 11, 11 and 14 (p). SHP: 28, THP: 30, SHW: 15 and 14, SHP: 28, THP: 30, SHW: 15 and 14, FP: 84, Q: 43, Tanala: 150. Favourite: Minecraft.

Owners: Mr. Donald Anthony Netto & Mr. P. Ranga Raju. Trainer: D. Netto.

5. BOLD GESTURE PLATE (DIV. I): SHAH OF IRAN (Md. Ismail) 1, Sundance Kid (Santosh Raj) 2, Aerial Combat (A. Imran Khan) 3 and DAS (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 4. 3-3/4, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m 42. 30s. ₹82 (w), 32, 13 and 22 (p). SHP: 28, THP: 72, SHW: 24 and 34, FP: 542, Q: 227, Tanala: 5,441. Favourite: DAS.

Owners: Mr. S.A. Shezad Abbas & Mr. Mir Saqafath Ali Khan. Trainer: Raza Shehzad.

6. PRONTO PRONTO PLATE: STAG'S LEAP (B.R. Kumar) 1, Juramento (Ajay Kumar) 2, Bangor On Dee (A. Imran Khan) 3 and Wind Sprite (Mohit Singh) 4. 1/2, Shd and 3. 1m 13. 89s ₹92 (w), 35, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 43, THP: 57, SHW: 21 and 21, FP: 397, Q: 153, Tanala: 2,054. Favourite: Juramento. Owner: Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

7. ALEKONA PLATE (DIV. I): SANTA BARBARA (Md. Ekram Alam) 1, Thunder Knight (Ajay Kumar) 2, That's My Love (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and Bien Pensant (Surya Prakash0 4. Not run: Jack Daniel. 3/4, 3/4 and 3-1/2. 1m 8. 41s. ₹20 (w), 11, 12 and 27 (p). SHP: 48, THP: 56, SHW: 14 and 14, FP: 154, Q: 81, Tanala: 1,307. Favourite: Assured Success. Owner: Mr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy. Trainer: L.D'Silva.

8. BOLD GESTURE PLATE (DIV. II): LIFE IS GOOD (Md. Ismail) 1, Honourable Lady (Mohit Singh 2, D World (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Sucker Punch (A.A. Vikrant) 4. Neck, 1-1/2 and 7. 1m 41. 46s. ₹24 (w), 11, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 41, SHW: 15 and 26, FP: 79, Q: 35, Tanala: 204. Favourite: Honourable Lady. Owner: Mr. Rakesh Reddy Kondakalla. Trainer: Robin Reddy Kondakalla.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹75,645 (7tkts.), 30%: 11,944 (19 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 5,386 (41 tkts.), (ii) 18, 490 (4 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 394 (79 tkts.), (ii) 1,710 (14 tkts.), (iii) 1,155 (70 tkts.).

Vivaan wins men's trap; Rajeshwari beats Bhavya

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Vivaan Kapoor defeated Zoravar Singh Sandhu 4-3 in the shoot-off to win men's trap in the National shooting selection trials at the Dr. Karni Singh Range on Tuesday.

Both Vivaan and Zoravar had shot very well in qualification to top the list with 121 out of 125.

Manavjit Singh Sandhu was third, ahead of Gyanchand Susheel Sharan, Balabhadra Tarasia and Shardul Vihan. Prithviraj Tondaiman, was 10th with 117.

Bhowneesh Mendiratta was 13th with 116 while Olympian Kynan Chenai was 25th with 114 in a field of 82 shooters.

In women's trap, Olympic quota winner Rajeshwari Kumari beat Bhavya Tripathi 1-0 in the shoot-off after being tied on 43 for the top spot. Rajeshwari had topped qualification with 118.

The results:

Trap: Men: 1. Vivaan Kapoor 44(3) 121; 2. Zoravar Singh Sandhu 44(2) 121; 3. Manavjit Singh Sandhu 35 (118).

Women: 1. Rajeshwari Kumari 43(1) 118; 2. Bhavya Tripathi 43(0) 114; 3. Shreyasi Singh 32 (116).